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Good Friday tradition continues

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» Hundreds flock to Mt. Tapochau

Despite the fog, muddy ground, and rain that made the trail slippery, hundreds of Catholics and Christian pilgrims still observed the longstanding tradition of trudging up Saipan's highest peak, Mt. Tapochau, to mark Good Friday.

People began walking as early as 1:30am from the base of the 1,545-foot mountain with flashlights, jackets, and raincoats to protect them from the strong wind and chilly air.

Good Friday formally began with the giant wooden cross being transported from Mount Carmel Cathedral, where it was blessed, to the base of Mt. Tapochau, where devotees carried the cross on their shoulders to the top of the mountain.

In celebration of the passion and death of Jesus Christ, 13 Stations of the Cross were erected along the pathway, with pilgrims following San Roque parishio-

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» Rota senator says application filed, but admin says none yet

Gov. Eloy S. Inos appointed three individuals from Saipan to the Commonwealth Casino Regulatory Commission, although press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday he's not been informed if there's already an investor that submitted an application for an exclusive license to operate a casino on Saipan as of yesterday. Today is the deadline to submit an application along with a $1 million nonrefundable application fee.

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DURING EXTENDED CW PROGRAM

'CWs still have to go to zero'

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While U.S. Labor Secretary Thomas Perez has yet to make public his decision on a CW extension request, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said that once the program is extended beyond Dec. 31, 2014, the number of Commonwealth-only workers "will still have to go down each year until reaching zero in 2019."

The number of CWs is capped at 14,000 for fiscal year 2014.

If the transitional CW program is not extended, the CNMI will lose immediate access to some 10,000 professional and skilled foreign workers, mostly from the Philippines and other Asian countries.

Even if the U.S. Labor secretary

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Study: Only 8MW renewables can be inserted into grid

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A study commissioned by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. bared that only eight megawatts of renewable energy can actually be inserted into the Saipan grid.

» 'Perception that solar energy is cheaper is a myth'

Citing the Renewable Energy Integration Study that was completed in December 2013, CUC executive director Alan Fletcher said the 8MW requirement also cannot be placed in one location alone and must be geographically dispersed.

Fletcher bared that the 8MW represents only about 5 percent of the annual energy requirements of Saipan. This means that CUC—assuming that it builds the 8MW solar energy—has to produce by 95 percent the remaining power needs of its customers using diesel.

If Saipan aims to have more than 8MW of renewable energy, this will require "ramp rate control" or large batteries and sophisticated electronics that are expensive to procure and maintain,

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SSHS' Jake Lee is nominated to West Point

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Jake Lee and his father, Chong Nam Lee.

Saipan Southern High School senior Jake Lee received last Wednesday a special visit from Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan (Ind.-MP), who announced to the 17-year-old student's classroom that the admissions board at the U.S Military Academy at West Point has decided to offer an appointment to Lee.

According to Sablan, Lee is one of many CNMI students who asked to be nominated for admission to a military academy this year.

"It has been my goal my entire high school career to get into West Point," Lee said. "It is a great opportunity and this also means less of a burden on my parents financially."

Lee, a Saipan native, said that there really is no better way for himself to serve the country.

The Manta Ray student is also an avid soccer and tennis player. Lee has represented Saipan in several off-island competitions. This, he said, prepared him for the physical aspect of making the cut at West Point, besides maintaining a high GPA. "Staying active really helped me with my agility and cardio. It was definitely something I had to work really hard for."

He said the combination of quality teachers at his school and after-school SAT tutoring made him confident while writing essays and undergoing the application process. He did give credit, though, to others for helping him along the way. "Without the help of my family, friends, teachers, and coaches I could not have done it. They have always been there."

Lee, who speaks English, Japanese, and Korean, said his ultimate goal would be "to do the best that I can. I also hope to graduate stronger in every aspect, both physically and mentally."

He plans to study medicine while at the Naval Academy.

Lee is also part of the award-winning Manta Ray Band and will be the first in his family to go to college.

"I plan on coming back to Saipan and giving back to the community," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

He expressed hope that other students on island will seek similar avenues. He said, "My advice to other students would be to not procrastinate. Starting something is the hard part. When you do start, everything else should be OK."

He was also accepted into UC Irvine and received various athletic scholarships but the Saipan youth said he has his mind to study at the Naval Academy.

He said he chose to attend West Point because he believes he can truly serve the country and islands by going there. "I think it is a great honor to be able to serve the islands. I have always liked to serve those in need and I know that when I am doing this I am helping a lot of other people and fighting for them."

Lee will have to fly to the academy in June for a month to undergo a test and training period. The training will determine whether or not the student will officially study in the academy school system.

He is the son of Chong Nam Lee and Ryoko Chang.

More slots

Delegate Sablan told *Saipan Tribune* that Lee's entrance into West Point will not only be of significance to the student and his family, but to the islands as well. When Lee enters the academy the Northern Marianas will have seven cadets throughout the academy system: West Point, at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, and at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

"Our community has never had so many students in the academies. This is a tribute to the hard work and determination of these students and to the support they received from their families and from the educational system in our islands."

He noted that when he first stepped into office the CNMI was only allowed to have three cadets in the entire academy system. "I was able to change the law and double that number," he said.

He added that people thought there was not enough talent and ambition and patriotism in the Northern Marianas to fill all of the slots. "Apparently, they were wrong," he added.

Sablan hopes to change the law again, "so even more CNMI graduates can serve their country in this way."

Mandatory drug testing for elected officials, auto insurance bills vetoed

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos vetoed on Friday a bill requiring elected public officials to submit to drug testing for controlled substances, saying the bill may violate constitutional rights and is "vague and problematic." Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan), the bill's author, said yesterday he will seek support from his fellow lawmakers to override the governor's veto.

The governor also disapproved Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero's (Ind-Saipan) bill imposing higher fines on those who fail to maintain automotive liability insurance and urges vehicle owners to register their vehicle on time. Inos said the bill is "flawed."

» **Leon Guerrero to seek support for override on drug testing bill veto**

Inos said House Bill 18-152, House Draft 2, which requires mandatory drug testing of elected officials, "is insufficient from a legal standpoint because it may violate elected officials' constitutional rights and is otherwise vague and problematic."

Inos cited three reasons for vetoing the bill. First, requiring elected officials to submit to drug tests could constitute an unreasonable search and seizure in violation of the CNMI and/or U.S. Constitutions, the governor said.

He said based on a U.S. Supreme Court precedent, a state law that requires drug testing of public officials must be based on individualized suspicion of wrongdoing unless the state has showed that there is a "special need" for "suspicion-less" testing.

The governor said HB 18-152, HD2 does not support a special need to drug test elected officials in the CNMI.

"The findings are vague and do not indicate that there is a particular problem with elected officials in the CNMI abusing illegal drugs. Absent such a showing, this bill could amount to an unreasonable search and seizure under the CNMI and/or U.S. Constitutions," the governor said in an April 18 veto message to House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) and Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan).

Leon Guerrero said the public has been clamoring for mandatory drug testing among elected officials, given that sitting lawmakers, for example, were accused of and later found using or involved in drugs.

Second, the governor said, requiring the results of drug testing to be made public may violate elected officials' right of privacy, which is guaranteed in the CNMI Constitution.

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Saipan Wins Destination of the Year Award

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media calls to build relationships and discuss opportunities of co-op promotions with the following media: Breadtrip.com, Traveler.com, Strait Travel Magazine, Voyage Magazine, and Lifestyle Magazine.

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IN RACKETEERING LAWSUIT VS QUICHOCHOS

Kim seeks $250K more on top of $2.4M award

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Businesswoman Jung Ja Kim is asking for at least $250,000 more on top of the jury's verdict that awarded her $2.4 million in connection with her racketeering lawsuit and other claims against attorney Ramon K. Quichocho, his law firm, his wife Frances, and the couple's Karissa LLC company.

Kim, through counsel Colin M. Thompson, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to amend its final judgment to include an award of $225,000 instead of $75,000 for damages sustained under her Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act claim.

Kim also asked the court to award her attorney's fees for the prosecution of her RICO claims and for an award of all costs incurred in the prosecution of all claims and the defense of the counterclaims filed by the Quichochos.

Thompson estimates Kim's attorney's fees to be more than $100,000. Attorney Robert T. Torres is Thompson's co-counsel for Kim in the trial.

Thompson said the court may wish to set a schedule for determining the award of attorney's fees.

Last March 28, nine jurors reached a unanimous verdict awarding Kim a total of $2.4 million for prevailing on her eight claims.

The Quichochos prevailed only on one (legal fees) of their five counter-claims against Kim. The trial began on Feb. 3.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona later approved the jury's judgment.

In Kim's motion to amend the judgment, Thompson said a RICO provision provides that "any person injured in his business or property by reason of a violation of section 1962…may sue in any appropriate United States district court and shall recover threefold the damages he sustains and the cost of the suit, including a reasonable attorney's fees…"

Under the statute, Thompson said, an award of treble damages, costs, and reasonable attorney's fees is mandatory.

Thompson said because it was inappropriate to inform the jury that any eventual award under RICO would be tripled or that attorney's fees would be awarded to Kim as the prevailing party, there was no reference on the verdict form to treble damages or an award of attorney's fees.

Nevertheless, the lawyer said, under RICO's mandatory treble damages provisions, Kim is entitled to a damages award on her RICO claims of $75,000 times three or $225,000, in addition to the attorney's fees sustained in the prosecution of the claims.

The jury awarded Kim $25,000 each on her three RICO claims, for a total of $75,000 in damages.

In addition, and pursuant to the RICO statute, Thompson said that Kim is entitled to recover all costs incurred in the prosecution of her claims, including fees paid to expert witnesses.

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ners and Fr. Florentino Daynos II, who volunteered to lead this year's prayers to the peak of the mountain.

"I wanted to come here, because it's my first time to come here and it's a firsthand experience to join the carrying of the cross and I am happy and blessed that I got the opportunity to do this," Daynos said.

He said the Stations of the Cross took more than an hour to complete, from the bottom of Mt. Tapochau to the top. He also joined in carrying the cross.

Bikers also took the opportunity to start their pilgrimage from villages such as Kagman and Garapan. Those who live on Capital Hill, meanwhile, either walked or jogged to Mt. Tapochau.

One biker, Rommel Isidro, biked with his group of friends from American Memorial Park to Mt. Tapochau.

"It was tiring, but I prefer riding my bike because I can adjust the gears and I have been doing this for four years, and I do climb the mountain during regular practice," Isidro said.

Some government officials were also seen by *Saipan Tribune* walking up to Mt. Tapochau, including Reps. Chris Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan) and Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), Saipan Mayor Donald Flores, and press secretary Angel Demapan.

Demapan said it's a tradition for people to walk to the top of Mt. Tapochau on Good Friday.

"Since I moved back here I decided to walk and it's a good opportunity to make this sacrifice, and it's a good day to come together as a people and share this celebration," he said.

Flores said that the event is always on the schedule of the Saipan Mayor's Office.

"The people continue to commemorate the suffering of Jesus Christ. With that in mind we have cleared the roads about three times a year, and we also provide drinks and fruits to the walkers," he said.

The Saipan Mayor's Office staff manned a refreshment stand near the top along with other organizations such as American Red Cross-NMI Chapter, the United Filipino Organization, and other agencies that provide the walkers with free food and drinks.

UFO was among the first concessions that set up shop, at 12am, and handed out soup, water, coffee, eggs, and other food to more than 200 walkers who started hiking as early as 1:30am. Aside from food and drinks, other community members camped at the top or near the concession stands. Those that camped near the top turned on their car lights for the walkers.

At exactly 7:53am, the cross was finally installed at the mountain's peak, with the help of many volunteers, young and old alike.

San Roque parishioners continued by praying and singing in commemoration of the passion and death of Christ.

Jayce Pineda, 17, one of the San Roque parishioners, said she has been doing this every year.

"It actually feels really good to come and lead the Stations of the Cross and a great experience to see the cross being lifted," Pineda said.

Flores noted that trash will be picked up not only by his personnel but other organizations and community members that have volunteered.

Easter Sunday was also celebrated islandwide yesterday by hotels, businesses, organizations, and community members in celebration of Christ's resurrection.

STUDY

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Fletcher said.

In last week's board meeting, CUC board chair David J. Sablan pointed out that many people have little understanding about how renewable energy works.

"There's a lot of perception, especially in the community, that because the sun is always there and free, renewable energy should be cheaper. That is really a myth! Because the technology of harnessing the sun [or wind] power is very expensive," said Sablan.

Compared to the present cost CUC incurs in producing power using diesel, inserting renewable energy into the grid will result in minimal savings, estimated at less than one penny at 20 percent penetration to the grid.

"If we were at 25 percent (renewable using solar energy), based on current pricing, it's only one penny difference on the rate [we're charging now," said Fletcher, citing the study.

Each year, CUC spends between $65 million and $70 million for fuel to produce power. The goal of the agency, according to both the management and the board, is to look for cheaper fuel to reduce rates.

Geothermal energy

Fletcher disclosed that CUC has several initiatives in the works pursuant to the goal of meeting the 80 percent renewable energy goal for the CNMI as mandated by law.

Besides the federally funded renewable energy integration study, the agency is also looking forward to the completion of the Saipan Geothermal Resource Assessment, another federally funded initiative.

Fletcher said that CUC kicked off this project in 2011 but negotiations were halted a year after and the project was cancelled. In the fall of 2012, the CNMI conducted a rebid on the request for proposal and the same project was given back to CUC.

Fletcher said they are now in final negotiations with a potential contractor and a notice to proceed is expected to be issued next month.

"CUC received four proposals [for this feasibility study] and probably will take six weeks of drilling and a couple of months for logistics and mobilization [after the award]. So by the end of this year, we should have some results on this that we will bring to the board," according to Fletcher.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

CASINO

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Senate Vice President Victor Hocog (Ind-Rota), meanwhile, posted on Facebook early Sunday morning that based on information reaching him, an investor had already paid the $1 million nonrefundable application fee on Thursday, but the Inos administration has so far not commented on this statement.

"I have not been informed that any application has been submitted," the press secretary told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

The governor appointed to the Casino Commission former senator Maria Frica T. Pangelinan, businessman David C. Sablan, and former Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Alvaro A. Santos on April 17.

The three appointments are subject to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's advice and consent.

Not an easy task

Inos separately told the three nominees that their specific term of office will be either two or four years, to be determined by lottery at the commission's first meeting.

"This position will serve a critical function in the history of the Commonwealth as our people are relying on you to set high standards for gaming in the community and to establish the economic foundation for the future of residents and their families," the governor said in separate appointment letters to Pangelinan, Sablan, and Santos.

Inos said he cannot stress enough the importance of the nominees' duties in this important assignment.

"This is not going to be an easy task as gaming involves significant financial issues. You must be steadfast in your duty to protect the interests of the public and establish transparency and integrity in the Commonwealth's gaming industry," Inos told the nominees.

The nominees are immediately required to file a statement of financial interests with the Office of the Public Auditor and other prerequisites that the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation requires, among other things.

Functions

Each commission member will be paid $40,000 for the first year of the commission's existence.

After the first year, they will be compensated at $20 an hour for official commission meetings attended.

The commission will promulgate rules and regulations as may be necessary to fulfill the law's intent, policies and purposes.

The commission's regulatory jurisdiction is confined to casinos licensed under Public Law 18-43, which amended the law that legalized casino gaming on Saipan.

It's the Lottery Commission, though, that has the discretion to grant an exclusive casino license on Saipan, not the Casino Commission.

Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) said yesterday the delegation will work on the appointments, adding that he "perhaps would send the matter to the SNILD committees on Judiciary and Government Operations and Ways and Means."

"I am not aware whether there's already an investor that applied for a casino license but the governor is required by law to make the appointments within a certain number of days," Tebuteb told *Saipan Tribune.*

Other appointees

Under Public Law 18-38, the governor has 30 days to appoint three members from Saipan to the Casino Commission after enactment of the law, subject to the Saipan legislative delegation's advice and consent.

The mayors of Tinian and Rota also have 30 days each to appoint one each to the commission subject to the advice and consent of their respective legislative delegations.

Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz said yesterday he has not appointed anyone yet.

House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), main author of the casino bill that became law and later amended, said he's hoping that investors would meet today's deadline for application submission.

By May 5, a $30-million casino license has to be deposited in escrow representing the annual license fee for the first and fifth year.

The casino law allows the Lottery Commission to establish new application procedures in the event that a license is not issued within 90 days after the Act becomes law.

An investor granted a license to exclusively operate a casino on Saipan is required to build a hotel-resort with at least 2,000 rooms and an initial investment of $2 billion.

CWS

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grants an extension of the CW program, the E2C investor visa program will still expire after Dec. 31, 2014, and the CNMI's exemption from accepting asylum applications will still expire on Jan. 1, 2015, so Sablan introduced a standalone bill and worked on omnibus territorial bills to address the three issues, among other things.

The U.S. House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans, and Insular Areas will hold an April 29 hearing on Sablan's H.R.4296, which extend the current immigration transition period in the CNMI from 2014 to 2019.

"We need the additional five years to train local workers to fill the jobs now held by approximately 9,600 foreign workers. During the extension the number of Commonwealth-only transitional workers will still have to go down each year until reaching zero in 2019," Sablan said.

The delegate added that the transition extension also allows 261 foreign investors to continue in business until 2019 and maintains the existing exemption for the CNMI and Guam from the national cap on H visa holders. H visas are for foreign workers.

"Throughout the transition the NMI is also protected from asylum seekers, which has been important to our reviving tourism industry," he said.

On a parallel track, the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee has already filed a favorable report on S.1237, the Omnibus Territories Act, containing the same language as H.R.4296.

"The Senate could vote on its bill at any time," Sablan said, adding that anyone wishing to submit testimony for the hearing on H.R.4296 may send it to kilili@mail.house.gov or to one of the local congressional offices.

Sablan said while the U.S. Labor secretary has already decided on the request to extend the CW program, there's no telling when the public announcement would be and for how long the extension will be.

Whether any such extension will be for five years or less, the three pending bills in Congress would extend the CW program up to 2019 and there won't be any further extensions.

It is expected that before 2019, a national immigration reform measure will already pass Congress.

MANDATORY

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Inos said the Legislature has not provided sufficient information in the bill's findings to support that there is compelling reason to infringe upon the privacy of elected officials, as is required in Article I Section 10 of the CNMI Constitution.

"Requiring all elected officials' drug test results to be made public could potentially lead to government liability for invasion of privacy, defamation, or negligence. Making drug test results public could also reveal information about lawfully prescribed drugs, which is protected as confidential information under the Americans with Disabilities Act," Inos added.

Leon Guerrero said his bill won't remove elected public officials from their posts if they fail to undergo drug testing or if they test positive. Rather their salary and other benefits will be immediately suspended "until such time as a favorable (conclusive negative) test result is provided."

Third, the governor said, HB 18-152 is vague and problematic. For example, the bill does not specify whether the elected official or the government is to pay for drug testing.

"As this bill requires every elected official to undergo a drug test each year and such testing costs upwards of $40, this may create a considerable economic burden for the government," the governor said.

Inos also said it is doubtful that the Office of Personnel Management has the capabilities and resources to arrange and manage drug testing, every year, for each CNMI elected official.

"Further, I have serious concerns about the legality and practicality of the penalty set forth in this bill, which is to suspend the elected official's salary and benefits until he or she provides a negative result," the governor added.

'Flawed' vehicle insurance bill

The governor also vetoed HB 18-103, HD2, SD1 related to vehicle insurance and registration, saying it is "flawed."

First, the bill inadvertently repeals 9 CMC 8210(a)(2) and (b), the governor said.

Second, the bill penalizes the failure to possess evidence of insurance, but not the actual lack of insurance, Inos said.

Third, according to the governor, if the bill was supposed to increase the penalty for lack of actual insurance, then it fails because the current penalty is higher than the penalty proposed by HB 18-103.

The bill's purpose is to increase fines for individuals that fail to maintain the liability insurance required by law. But the bill does not increase the fine for motorists that do not possess proof of liability insurance when they actually have insurance but they do not have their insurance card in their vehicle, Inos said.

"If HB 18-103 meant to increase the penalty violation of 8203 instead of 8204, then HB 18-103 is actually imposing a smaller fine than the one currently in place," the governor added.

Crisostomo's trial enters its third week

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» Prosecution already called 28 witnesses

The jury trial of Joseph A. Crisostomo in Superior Court for the kidnapping and murder of bartender Emerita R. Romero enters its third week today.

The trial, which is presided over by Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho, will continue today at 8:30am.

After two weeks, interim chief prosecutor Brian Flaherty and assistant attorney general Margo Brown-Badawy have already called a total of 28 witnesses.

On Thursday, Flaherty told Camacho that the government may complete calling all its witnesses by Wednesday.

The prosecution listed 75 persons as "likely witnesses." Attorney Janet H. King, court-appointed counsel for the 40-year-old Crisostomo, listed 95 persons as "likely witnesses."

One of the likely government's witnesses today is a Federal Bureau of Investigation DNA expert, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Crisostomo is facing charges of first-degree murder, kidnapping, sexual assault in the first degree, robbery, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace.

Romero, 37, reportedly rode in a car that she mistook for a taxicab near her house in Garapan in the early morning of Feb. 5, 2012. Two days later, FBI agents found her body at the abandoned La Fiesta Mall in San Roque/As Matuis.

Feds urge Early Head Start in the CNMI

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

The federal government encourages the CNMI Public School System to implement not just the Head Start program but also the Early Head Start as well to expand services to more children on the islands.

This was what Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan and PSS Head Start program director Melissa Palacios reported to the Board of Education at a recent meeting, although both admitted that implementing these steps are unlikely at this time due to concerns such as inadequate funding to run the new program in public schools.

The Early Head Start program caters to children from birth to 3 years old and is partnered with childcare centers. The target enrollment for this program is about 300 students.

Sablan disclosed that PSS, in its initial inquiry about the program years back, was made aware that federal grants allocated for the Early Head Start is only about $50,000, with many requirements for implementation.

Sablan said that PSS can explore the program one more time if the board wishes it to.

The Obama administration has proposed new investments that will establish a continuum of high-quality early learning for children beginning at birth and continuing to age 5. The President's proposal includes providing access to high-quality infant and toddler care through Early Head Start-child care partnerships; expanding voluntary home visits to support vulnerable families; and developing a new partnership with states to provide voluntary, high-quality, full-day preschool for all 4-year-olds from families at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty line.

PSS currently handles the Head Start Program in the CNMI. It is a federal program that promotes the school readiness of children from low-income families with ages from birth to 5.

Recently, the federal government through the Office of Head Start within the Administration of Children and Families of the Department of Health and Human Services approved PSS to continue running the Head Start program for the next five years. The federal government provides funding for 367 students.

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A LIFE OF SELFLESS SERVICE TO THE DIOCESE:

‘I help because I still can’

By THOMAS A. MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

When the church bells ring and the cathedral lights illuminate the altar on daily morning Masses, churchgoers can thank Francisco Palacios, 84, better known as Tan Ko’.

Waking up at 4am to open the doors of the Mt. Carmel Cathedral has become a normal part of Tan Ko’s morning routine over the past several years. Before turning on the lights to the church and preparing for daily Mass he kneels at the altar and prays.

Ever since his pre-teen days Tan Ko’ has been selflessly serving the church, after being asked by then-Monsignor Tomas A. Camacho to serve as a volunteer for the diocese nearly three decades ago.

Fr. Ryan Jimenez, Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa, said that he cannot imagine life in the parish without Tan Ko’. “He lives out his faith daily by serving the Church. At daily Masses we all take our go-signals from him. I have a deep respect for him and I think he sets a great example on what service is all about. He continues to give himself to others.”

There is a slight tremor in his voice when Tan Ko’ speaks but he says his commitment to the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa remains untarnished over the years.

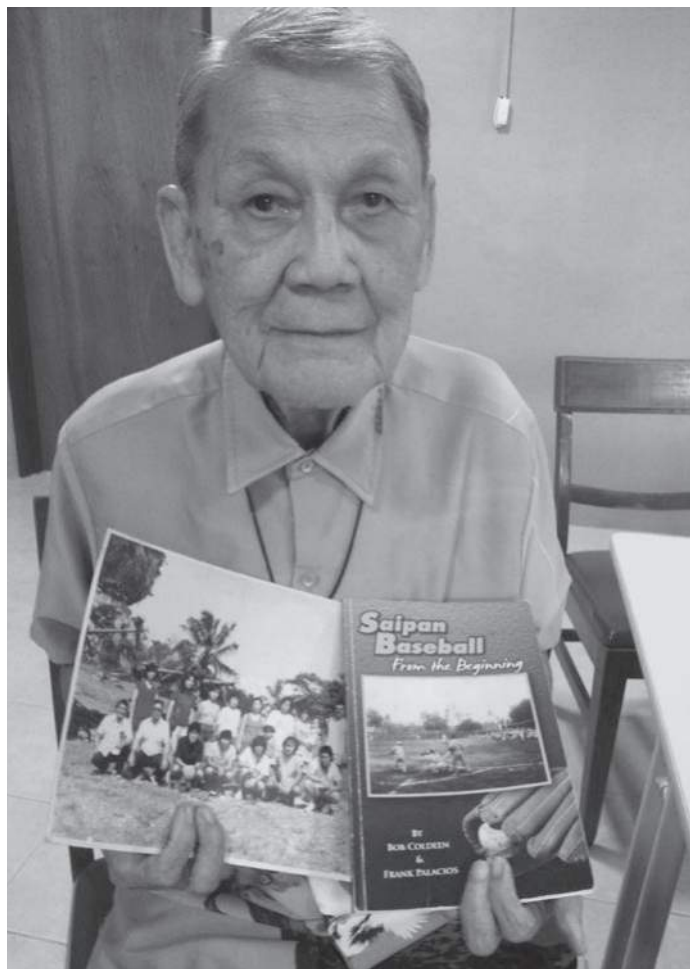
Before permanently residing on Saipan he was sent to attend school in Palau during World War II in 1943. He came back three years later and started working for the Navy in 1947. After nearly 34 years of service Tan Ko’ ended his service in 1981. Not long after his retirement he immediately started work for a tour agency where he spent the next 17 years, up until the time when his wife, Rufina, passed away.

“She died a natural death. One morning I was waiting outside ready to go to church and she was in the restroom. I was waiting to go to church…she could not open the door and so we called for help. We brought her to the hospital, where she died,” he said.

This moment in Palacios’ life is something he said he will never forget and is what truly kindled his passion for living a life in service of others and the Lord.

After attending Mass every day he walks to the cemetery to pray for his wife.

His wife is survived by Tan Ko’ and their 14 children. His grandchildren are also following the example Tan Ko’ sets as they serve as altar servers at different parishes on island.



THOMAS MANGLONA
Tan Ko poses for a photo while holding his book and a photo of himself as a young boy.

After years of serving the church, he later became the official record keeper of the money collections the church gathers during Mass. For this interview, he slowly pulled out an old dusty record book and showed it to this reporter.

“I have been keeping these records for the past years. They date back to the 1990s,” he said.

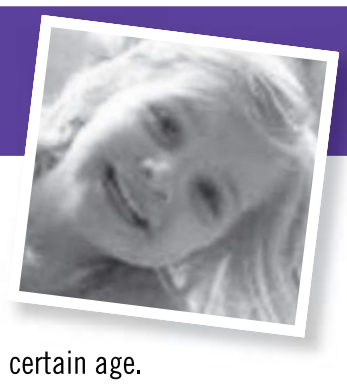
Palacios, who is also the co-author of *Saipan Baseball: From the Beginning*, is not only responsible for giving cues during Mass and keeping track of the diocese’s money collection. He is also the sacristan of the Mt. Carmel Cathedral Parish, takes care of all funeral preparations at the cathedral, is in-charge of the Mass at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery every first Monday of the month, and prepares the chapel for the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday.

Many personal friends and colleagues of Tan Ko’ describe him as a person who epitomizes the old saying: “Give more than you receive.”

When asked why he continues to volunteer his time working for the church, he said, “I feel strong. As long as I feel strong I will continue to help.”

Tan Ko’ will be turning 85 years old this year on the 14th of July.

Your Child at 5 Years



Child’s Name | Child’s Age | Today’s Date

How your child plays, learns, speaks, and acts offers important clues about your child’s development. Developmental milestones are things most children can do by a certain age.

Check the milestones your child has reached by his or her 3rd birthday. Take this with you and talk with your child’s doctor at every visit about the milestones your child has reached and what to expect next.

What Most Babies Do at this Age:

Social/Emotional
- ❑ Wants to please friends
- ❑ Wants to be like friends
- ❑ More likely to agree with rules
- ❑ Likes to sing, dance, and act
- ❑ Is aware of gender
- ❑ Can tell what’s real and what’s make-believe
- ❑ Shows more independence (for example, may visit a next-door neighbor by himself [adult supervision is still needed])
- ❑ Is sometimes demanding and sometimes very cooperative

Language/Communication
- ❑ Speaks very clearly
- ❑ Tells a simple story using full sentences
- ❑ Uses future tense; for example, “Grandma will be here.”
- ❑ Says name and address

Cognitive (learning, thinking, problem-solving)
- ❑ Counts 10 or more things
- ❑ Can draw a person with at least 6 body parts
- ❑ Can print some letters or numbers
- ❑ Copies a triangle and other geometric shapes
- ❑ Knows about things used every day, like money and food

Movement/Physical Development
- ❑ Stands on one foot for 10 seconds or longer
- ❑ Hops; may be able to skip
- ❑ Can do a somersault
- ❑ Uses a fork and spoon and sometimes a table knife
- ❑ Can use the toilet on her own
- ❑ Swings and climbs

Act Early by Talking to Your Child’s Doctor if Your Child:
- ❑ Doesn’t show a wide range of emotions
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- ❑ Doesn’t respond to people, or responds only superficially
- ❑ Can’t tell what’s real and what’s make-believe
- ❑ Doesn’t play a variety of games and activities
- ❑ Can’t give first and last name
- ❑ Doesn’t use plurals or past tense properly
- ❑ Doesn’t talk about daily activities or experiences
- ❑ Doesn’t draw pictures
- ❑ Can’t brush teeth, wash and dry hands, or get undressed without help
- ❑ Loses skills he once had

Tell your child’s doctor or nurse if you notice any of these signs of possible developmental delay for this age, and talk with someone in your community who is familiar with services for young children in your area, such as your local public school. For more information, go to **www.cdc.gov/concerned** or call **1-800-CDC-INFO.**

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Friday deadline to resolve attorney's fees

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REPORTER

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood has given the CNMI government and Betty Johnson's counsels—Hawaii-based Bronster Hoshibata and Calif.-based lawyer Timothy Lord—until Friday, April 25, to resolve the issue on attorney's fees and costs.

If no resolution is reached by Friday, then Tydingco-Gatewood will decide on the lawyers' pending applications for attorney's fees and costs.

In her order last week, the judge disclosed that she held a teleconference with Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Attorney General Joey P. San Nicolas, assistant attorney general Teresita Sablan, attorney Margery Bronster, attorney Robert Hatch, and Lord on April 11, 2014.

Bronster and Hatch are both from Hoshibata Bronster law firm.

Tydingco-Gatewood said she inquired whether the parties were still willing to participate in settlement discussions with Hawaii chief bankruptcy judge Robert Faris on the pending applications for attorney's fees.

All parties reportedly expressed a desire to continue talks with Faris. While she is pleased about this, Tydingco-Gatewood advised them that she will issue her decision if no resolution is reached by Friday.

Bronster Hoshibata is demanding $17.5 million. Lord's initial demand was either $3.6 million or $5.9 million. The judge placed their petitions under advisement.

Johnson's original counsel, Bruce Lee Jorgensen, initially requested at least $18.6 million, but he settled with the government for $800,000. Johnson's local counsel, Stephen Woodruff, asked between $1 million and $2.9 million, but he settled with the government for $185,000.

Last March 3, Tydingco-Gatewood approved the CNMI government's settlement with Woodruff, and placed under advisement the CNMI government's settlement with Jorgensen.

A. Samoa retailer to pay nearly $120K back wages

American Samoa department store retailer Manua's Inc. has agreed to pay $119,850 in minimum wage and overtime back wages to 252 workers employed at stores in Tafuna, Pago Pago, and Maleimi from Sept. 21, 2013, through Jan. 25, 2014.

According to the Wage and Hour Division, new employees worked five, eight or more hours daily and were paid a flat daily rate of $20. The employer failed to pay workers for all hours, including time worked past the end of their scheduled shift or during their lunch period.

"Regardless of a probationary status, new employees are entitled to at least the minimum wage rate, and all employees should be paid not just their weekly scheduled hours but for their time actually worked," said Terence Trotter, the division's district director in Hawaii. ***(USDOL)***

Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Public Notice - Special Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT that the Advisory Board of Trustees of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation will hold a regular meeting beginning on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 11:00 a.m., at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Conference Room #3, Lower Navy Hill, Saipan to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call
C. Public Comments

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
• April 16-17, 2014 minutes

IV. MANAGEMENT REPORTS
A. Departments & Divisions Performance Plans for FY 2014
B. EHR FY 2014 Project Plan & Budget
C. Line Item Justifications for FY2014 Budget Revision Relating to CMS Compliance
D. FY 2015 Budget Key Results Areas & Key Performance Indicators

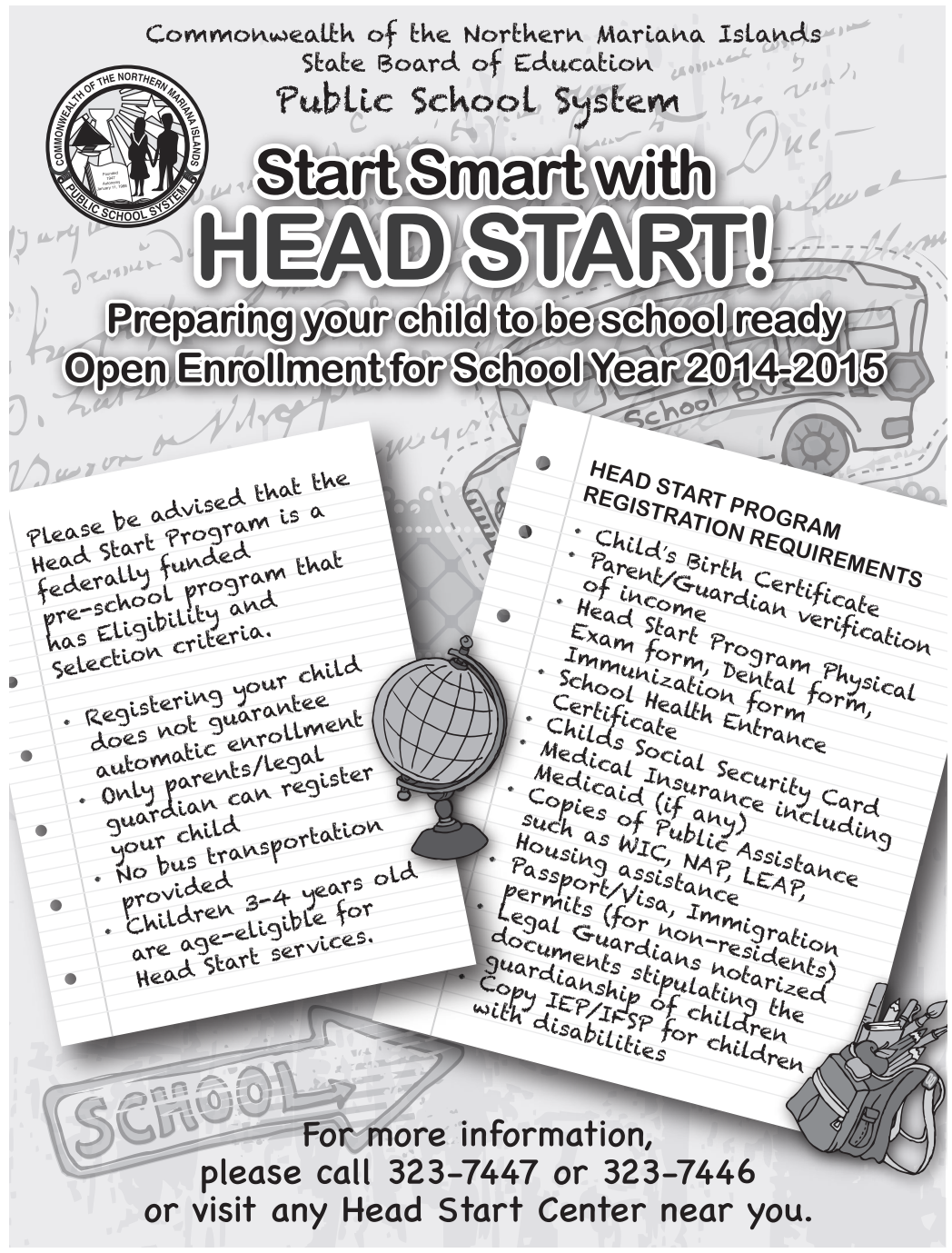
V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

VI. NEW BUSINESS
• Amendments to FY 2014 Budget
• Board Resolution No. 2014-02 Re Credentialing

VII. OLD BUSINESS
• Board Resolution No. 2014-01 Re Budget Adoption

VIII. EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION
• Credentialing of Medical Staff

IX. MISCELLANEOUS
A. Next Meeting
B. Adjournment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NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION, Plaintiff,	:	CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0260
-v-	:	
RAPHAEL I. RANGAMAR, Defendant.	:	

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National Prescription Drug Take Back this Saturday

The National Prescription Drug Take Back event will kick off this Saturday, April 26, from 10am to 2pm at the Commonwealth Health Center on Saipan.

At a news briefing on April 11, U.S. Attorney for the Guam and CNMI Districts Alicia Limtiaco said the event aims to strengthen efforts and prevent prescription drug abuse among the youth. It is a national initiative where all jurisdictions and territories of the U.S. come together to encourage community members to dispose of unused or expired prescription drugs and medicines.

"We want members of our community to be aware of the dangers of using expired medications and prescriptions and that it is a public safety, a health safety, and an environmental issues," she said.

The U.S. Attorney's Office will be partnering with federal and local agencies to support the National Take Back Initiative this month.

The event will also be held on Tinian and Rota at their respective health centers.

The event, which is part of the National Take Back Initiative, aims to provide a location where people can bring their unused or expired prescription drugs for proper disposal.

Limtiaco noted that they have had good feedback from family members about this opportunity to dispose of old prescribed medications.

U.S. Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration agent-in-charge Michael Puralewski said there would be boxes at all three health centers on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota where the medicines can be dropped.

"Just drop the prescriptions, no questions asked, and there will be officers at each location. You can take any medications from your cabinets that you don't want and you can dispose of it," Puralewski said.

Claudine Atalig and Kimberly Baluyut of PHI Pharmacy said that they support this initiative.

"Bring your drugs if you don't need it anymore," said Atalig.

Limtiaco also gave out three pieces of advice to the community: "Don't take somebody else's medication, dosing of medication should be appropriate for their medication, and expired drugs should not be taken and should be disposed of."

Office of the Attorney deputy attorney general Gil Birnbrich said that he strongly endorses and supports the campaign.

"We have interest in doing this program to urge the public to take advantage of this program for safer disposal of prescriptions and medications," Birnbrich said.

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CHCC owes vendors $11M

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. currently owes its different vendors approximately $11 million—an amount that has alarmed the board of trustees.

In fact, the board said there is an immediate need to look for a resolution to these mounting receivables or the corporation will be exposed to further liabilities in the future.

» Board pushes for immediate deficit reduction plan

Interim chief financial officer Cora Ada disclosed during Thursday's board meeting that CHCC has accumulated $11 million in payables, the bulk of which are owed the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and NMI Retirement Fund contributions.

For the unremitted employer's contribution alone, the corporation has a $2.9-million obligation that covers the years prior to the creation of the corporation or when the agency was still the Department of Public Health, Ada said.

She, however, emphasized that since the corporation was created, payments on the employer's share have been performed except for the $53,000 it currently owes for fiscal year 2014. At present, there are five CHCC employees currently enrolled in the defined benefit plan and the rest are with the defined contribution plan.

The corporation also owes CUC $4.8 million as of Dec. 31, 2013. This amount, Ada said, is not up to date and do not include penalties and fees. It will be recalled that CUC has sued the CHCC for not paying its obligation for many years. CUC disclosed last week that CHCC has an outstanding $11.9 million in account receivables as of March 31, 2014.

Also included in the $11 million as "payables" in CHCC books are the approximately $800,000 owed dialysis supplies vendors. The rest is owed other vendors of the hospital.

Board trustee Anthony Raho disclosed that a close examination of the budget plan for the current and next fiscal years do not show both mounting obligations to CUC and the Fund. He also asked how the previous "budgets" for both are being utilized. It was later revealed to the board that due to other pressing priorities, some funds allocated for both CUC and the Fund had been diverted.

Last Thursday, board chair Joaquin Torres pointed out the need to immediately develop a "deficit reduction plan" to resolve the mounting payables of the agency. Vice chair Pete Dela Cruz was tasked to put together the plan for the board's consideration at their next meetings.

Dela Cruz admitted that since it is impossible for CHCC to pay all vendors in one lump sum, the board can look at, for instance, a three-year repayment plan for CUC.

He also emphasized that, contrary to the claim that CHCC's debt to the Fund has been zeroed out as a result of the settlement agreement, the corporation remains liable in paying for the $2.9 million it owes in past employer's contribution to the government's general fund. CHCC is a participant in the Fund settlement agreement.

Trustee Phillip Mendiola-Long, meantime, cautioned the board and management of potential legal issues it may face if the agency will continue not to put remit its employer share, specifically for DC members.

"The government can absorb any interest loss over the course of not putting the money in DB plan, but in DC plan, we can be looking at a class action suit," he warned. He added that CHCC must also come up with a "realistic budget."

CHCC, he added, should not pretend that the debts do not exist because these will bite CHCC severely in the long run.

For the deficit reduction plan to work, Dela Cruz cited the need to enforce internal austerity measures such as looking at current vacant positions inside the organization, among other approaches.

CHCC reportedly generates about $22 million in yearly revenues, the bulk of which are from reimbursement to Medicare and Medicaid. On the local appropriation side, only $2 million was allocated for the CHCC this fiscal year 2014.

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Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Special Meeting of the Board is scheduled on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMARY MATTERS
a. Call to Order
b. Roll Call
c. Adoption of Agenda
d. Adoption of Minutes
i. March 26, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. FY 2013 DRAFT AUDIT EXIT CONFERENCE

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

V. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ MARCIE M. TOMOKANE
Chairwoman of the Board

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Ray P. Boongaling, Petitioner, vs. Leonila Tordil-Boongaling, Respondent,
) FCD-DI
) CIVIL ACTION
) NO. 11-0518
) SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 501760 Saipan MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 10th day of April 2014.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff vs. MOHAMMED YASIN, Defendant.
) Civil Action
) No. 14-0032
) AMENDED
) SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: MOHAMMED YASIN

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT within twenty (20) days after service of this AMENDED SUMMONS upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Iimwal Aweewe, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this AMENDED SUMMONS, judgment by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

SO ORDERED on this 21st day of March, 2014.

/s/ CLERK OF COURT

YOUTH SUMMER JOBS 2014

Life skills, work skills, learn and earn

The Workforce Investment Agency has begun preparations for the upcoming 2014 Summer Youth Employment and Training Program. Applications will be made available beginning April 28, 2014, and can be downloaded at http://www.wia.gov.mp. Application copies will also be delivered to Hopwood Junior High School, Marianas High School, Saipan Southern High School, Kagman Junior High School, Kagman High School, and Tinian and Rota Labor Offices. WIA personnel will be traveling to Rota and Tinian to receive the summer applications.

Summer employment qualifications are not based on the application submission date but on priority index ranking based on age, income, federal statutory, and state recognized applicant barriers and program rules and regulations. The higher the PIR, the more qualified the individual will be under WIA's youth funding program.

WIA is providing sufficient time for parents and applicants to gather all the required documents, read, follow instructions, and answer the application clearly and legibly, as well as affix all required signatures on the applications. This year's summer program is expected to qualify CNMI-wide about 300 youth participants working for a period of four weeks from July 7, 2014, to Aug. 1, 2014 (first phase) and Aug. 4 to Aug. 29, 2014, (second phase, Saipan only) should placement slots prove insufficient during the first phase. Due to limited funding and in the interest of accommodating others that are waitlisted, WIA reserves the right to replace trainees for any reason as soon as their slots become available and will not allow interchanging of phase schedules for trainees that can't hold their initial placement schedule. If additional funding is realized then more qualifying youths will be given the opportunity to participate in the program and will be published accordingly.

Names and schedules will be published the week of June 23, 2014, in the local papers and WIA's website, www.wia.gov.mp. Work readiness workshops are scheduled the week of July 1, 2014. All summer qualifiers are required to attend the workshops. Application deadline for Tinian and Rota will be the week of May 19, 2014 (dates will be indicated on the SYETP applications) and May 30, 2014 (Saipan). Incomplete applications will not be accepted nor certified. ***(PR)***

John Compton is new IT&E CEO vice Mojica

GUAM—Effective April 2014, IT&E hired John Compton as its new chief executive officer.

Compton replaces Danilo Mojica who rejoined his family in the Philippines after nearly two years with IT&E.

Compton

Compton's executive career includes numerous accomplishments in the international telecommunications area. He holds an engineering degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and served as an officer in the U.S. Army. He has served as CEO for several telecommunications companies in Latin America, Mexico City, and Haiti, and Russia including St. Petersburg, Moscow, and Novosibrisk, Siberia.

IT&E is a regional telecommunications carrier for over three decades offering a wide variety of residential services and business solutions to over 80,000 subscribers on the islands of Saipan, Tinian, Rota and Guam. ***(PR)***

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

ON AN APPLICATION FOR A QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF CERTAIN CNMI TAXES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that:

A. ***Public hearing.*** In accordance with the Investment Incentive Act of 2000, as amended, and pursuant to the rule-making procedures of the Administrative Procedures Act, the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) will conduct a public hearing at the *Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center*, *Susupe*, *Saipan*, on *Wednesday*, *April 30*, 2014, at *10:00 a.m.* on the application of *Tasi Homes, LLC*, Applicant, for a Qualifying Certificate, which request is for tax relief by way of abatement of CNMI taxes in consideration of Applicant's proposed *affordable rental housing units*, all pursuant to the Investment Incentive Act of 2000, as amended, and as set out in the Applicant's application for a Qualifying Certificate.

B. ***Nature of hearing.*** This hearing shall be open to the public. Oral or written statements will be received from anyone wishing to testify thereat, which statement will be incorporated into the records of the hearing.

C. ***Further information.*** For further information, please contact CDA at the above telephone numbers or visit its offices at the CDA Building in San Jose, Saipan.

/s/ Manuel A. Sablan
Executive Director

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE GUAM AND COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS MILITARY RELOCATION (2012 ROADMAP ADJUSTMENTS) AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Department of the Navy (DON) is announcing the availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Military Relocation (2012 Roadmap Adjustments). The Draft SEIS supplements the Final EIS "Guam and CNMI Military Relocation; Relocating Marines from Okinawa, Visiting Aircraft Carrier Berthing, and Army Air and Missile Defense Task Force" dated July 2010. The Record of Decision for the Final EIS was signed on September 20, 2010, and published in the Federal Register on September 30, 2010 (Volume 75, Number 189, Page 60438). The DON prepared this Draft SEIS for the purpose of supplementing the portions of the 2010 Final EIS regarding the establishment on Guam of a cantonment (including family housing), a live-fire training range complex (LFTRC), and associated infrastructure to support the relocation of a substantially reduced number of Marines and dependents than was previously analyzed.

The Navy will host public meetings on Guam to obtain comments on the Draft SEIS. All comments will become part of the public record and will help officials make informed decisions on the proposed action. The meetings will be comprised of two parts: (1) an informational open house and (2) public hearing.

The public is encouraged to attend the meetings, which will be held on the following dates, times, and locations:

- Saturday, May 17, 2014, open house from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and public hearing from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Okkodo High School, 660 Route 3, Dededo;
- Monday, May 19, 2014, open house from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and public hearing from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Father Dueñas Memorial School Phoenix Center, 119 Dueñas Lane, Chalan Pago; and
- Tuesday, May 20, 2014, open house from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and public hearing from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Gymnasium, Naval Base Guam – Santa Rita Annex, Bldg. 4177 (former McCool School), Naval Magazine Road Santa Rita.

During the open house portion of the meetings, informational posters will be displayed and DON representatives will be available to discuss the proposed action, answer questions, and to accept written comments from the public. A Chamorro interpreter will be available. Oral comments will be recorded during the public hearing portion of the meetings. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes to ensure all who wish to speak have an opportunity to do so. If a long statement is to be presented, it should be summarized at the public hearing and the full text submitted in writing. These meetings will also serve to provide information to the public about how the 2011 Programmatic Agreement fulfills the requirements under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the proposed action.

Interested agencies, individuals, and groups unable to attend the public meetings are encouraged to submit comments by June 17, 2014, Chamorro Standard Time (ChST). Mailed comments should be postmarked no later than June 17, 2014, ChST to ensure they are considered.

Mail comments to: Joint Guam Program Office Forward
P.O. Box 153246
Santa Rita, Guam 96915

Comments may also be submitted via the website (http://guambuildupeis.us). Point of contact is Commander Curtis Duncan, Joint Guam Program Office at (703) 602-3825. On Guam, contact Major Darren Alvarez, Joint Guam Program Office Forward, at (671) 339-3337.

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NOTICE OF AUCTION

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), as auctioneer and seller, hereby gives notice that all the rights, title and interests of NMHC in and to the following described real property will be sold at auction:

LOT NO. 017 D 27 JUDGE WAY, GARAPAN, SAIPAN Minimum Bid: $56,800.00

The auction will be open to the general public and will be held at NMHC's conference room, Garapan, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. on May 13, 2014, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Minimum Bid. The minimum acceptable bid for each property shall be $(please see above).
2. Reserve. The auction sale shall be held with reserve.
3. Rights and Duties of NMHC as Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable law of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, NMHC shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
   a. To withdraw any property listed for sale in this announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
   b. To adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
   c. To reject any and all bids.
4. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in this notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Mr. Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director, NMHC, P.O. Box 500514, Saipan, MP 96950; Telephone: 234-6866; Facisimile: 234-9021; or to Law Office of Vicente T. Salas, P.O. Box 501309, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 234-7455, Fax: 234-7256.
5. Deposit; Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale by cash, cashier's check or credit card (Visa or Mastercard). The remaining balance will be due within three (3) calendar days of the auction sale. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within three (3) calendar days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the ten percent (10%) deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the aforementioned property will automatically revert to NMHC.
6. Change of Terms. NMHC reserves the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
7. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. The interests of NMHC in the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property or any related documents will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

Dated this 17th day of April, 2014.

/s/ Jesse S. Palacios, Corporate Director
Northern Marianas Housing Corporation

Opinion

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EDITORIAL

Putin doesn't realize how much leverage the West has over Russia's economy

With Russian troops amassed along its border and Kremlin-backed separatists in control of major cities in eastern Ukraine, the government in Kiev is facing the gravest threat to its survival since the breakup of the former Soviet Union a generation ago. Unless the United States and its allies can persuade Russian President Vladimir Putin to step back from using the unrest there as a pretext for military intervention, it looks more likely than ever that eastern Ukraine could suffer the same fate as Crimea, which Russia annexed last month in a blatant violation of international law.

There's virtually no chance that the United Nations will honor Ukrainian authorities' appeal for troops to support the weak and disorganized government in Kiev. Russia is one of five permanent members on the Security Council and would surely veto any such resolution. Nor is NATO likely to come to Kiev's aid. If Ukraine is to oust the militants and prevent them from further dismembering the country, it will have to do so on its own, but Washington and the European Union need to give it all the support they can muster through diplomacy, money and non-lethal military aid.

On Tuesday, Ukrainian authorities announced they were sending army units to drive Russia's proxies from the government buildings and facilities they occupy in the country's eastern region. It was the first offensive operation the government has undertaken to block a reprise of Moscow's takeover of Crimea, which it accomplished virtually without firing a shot. But if the operation results in heavy civilian casualties—as it easily could given that the "separatists" include Russian special operations troops masquerading as local citizens—it risks bolstering the Kremlin narrative that the region's Russian-speaking population is in danger and needs Moscow's protection.

Putin obviously feels he has the upper hand in the situation despite the imposition of sanctions by the United States and the European Union on assets held abroad by a handful of his close advisers and sycophants. But Putin might feel differently if Western governments went after Russia's real oligarchs, the billionaires who buy assets in the West like expensive real estate in London, New York and Miami for the sole purpose of having a place to stash their ill-gotten gains—and who could care less about Ukraine. It's those people who Putin needs to keep happy, and they won't be if Western governments start freezing their bank accounts and seizing their condos and cars.

President Obama has been criticized by conservatives for not waving the bloody shirt and rattling sabers to make a show of his resolve. But blundering into a military confrontation with a nuclear-armed Russia would be a losing hand for the U.S. and NATO; eventually the West would have to back down, leaving Putin in a stronger position than he was before. Instead, Obama's strategy should be to make Putin the one who has to back down by using the crisis to demonstrate the Russian president's failures as a leader and political weakness at home. Even more than stripping Russia's oligarchs of their wealth,

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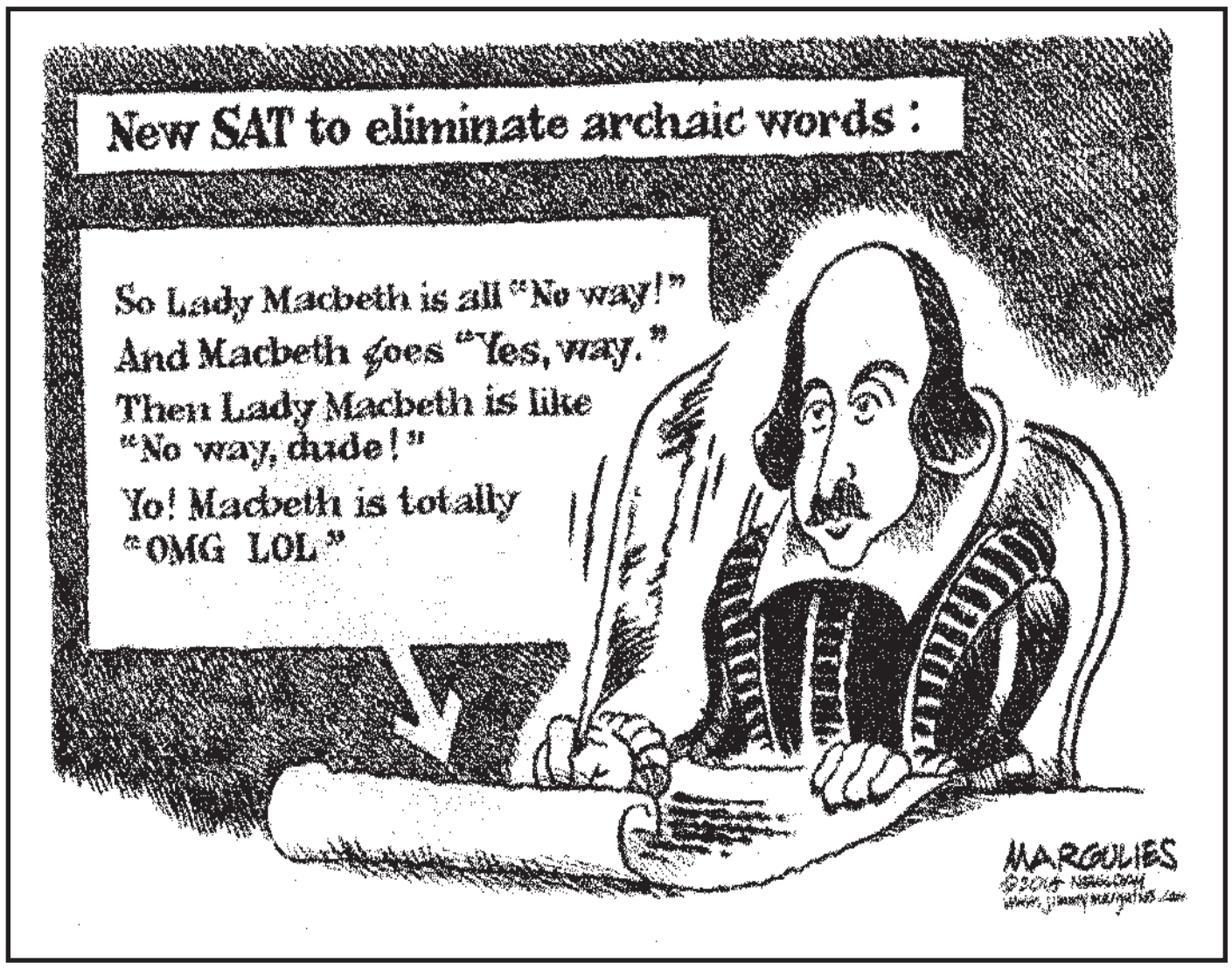
New SAT to eliminate archaic words :
So Lady Macbeth is all "No way!"
And Macbeth goes "Yes, way."
Then Lady Macbeth is like
"No way, dude!"
Yo! Macbeth is totally
"OMG LOL"
MARGULIES

Easter to Gaia for May Day

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Jaime Vergara previously taught at SVES in the CNMI. A peripatetic pedagogue, he last taught in China but makes Honolulu, Shenyang, and Saipan home. He can be reached at pinoypanda2031@aol.com.

Yesterday in Asia and today across the international dateline, we celebrate the empty tomb's power before terminus. Today, we also mark Patriots' Day (giving one's life on behalf of) and the day after Gaia gets her annual dressing we recognize Professional Administrators who get the wheels of corporate operations, management, research, and development efficiently moving.

I stick with the image of the power of the empty tomb. Heir to the Reformation through the Methodist Church in the Philippines, I grew up in the stark contrast between the barren cross of the Christo Rei resurrected, and the three hour of solemn silence on Good Friday that my Catholic friends observed in subdued postures of penitence, penance, and avoidance of perdition; they cowered through religious obligations and duties Friday onward, while the rest of us downed our wine on Thursday and chased the bunny wabbit in search of colorful eggs early Sunday morn!

Hollywood treats tall tales of high suspense and adventure with the secure knowledge that at the end of the telling, characters that count "live happily ever after." Most stories have happy endings. We Protestants go through the motions of shedding crocodile tears on Holy Week assured that the pure white lilies and daffodils will grace the altar on Sunday morning. The existential high point in the Catholic liturgy is Friday afternoon when all the lights go off and space is imbued in three hours of the sounds of mystery, while the Protestants get up early Sunday morning to burst into celebrative hymns as they worship looking east at the crack of dawn.

Easter quickly deteriorates into a Pollyannaish stance. I latched on to the symbol of the empty tomb as it does not offer an easy escape into the other Other World where one accumulated brownie points for the chance to wear toga to enter Peter's pearly gates in the sky in the bye-and-bye, but to be flung back into the wrenchingly fierce arena of authentic life (see you in Galilee) where the meaning of life's existence resides all along.

I recovered Easter back as a meaningful term when I discovered its Germanic origin of relating to *Eastre,* the goddess associated with spring. It is fitting that Easter this year is only 48 hours from Earth Day.

A word on spring. I am in the temperate zone in China so we have four seasons, but the common saying in *Dong Bei* is that we have two days of autumn, two weeks of spring, two months of summer, and all the rest is b-r-r-r winter! In my four years in northeast China, this last one was the longest winter, with the long john still within easy reach. Though the cherry blossoms in the two weeks of spring are blooming and its petals flying freely in the air, dawn and dusk are still stalked by old man winter.

It was in 1969 that the first Earth Day was suggested at UNESCO for a UN Peace Day celebration scheduled for March on Mother Nature's equipoise in the north. A U.S. senator a year later sponsored a law to hold an environmental teach-in in April, and the Earth Day title added a real definition for Peace as protecting the environment and everything in it.

May Day is also a mid-spring celebration in the northern hemisphere, though it is the first day of summer in warmer climes. The phrase is also used in place of *Titanic's* SOS (save our ship), an international code for extreme distress, now a generic call by anyone in trouble. Internationally, May Day is workers' day, a call on the captains of industries that lowly workers are human beings with innate rights, too. It is in this vein that we match the glory of the empty tomb to the gory state of our devastated planet, and call on global workers, of which we consider our self a part, to save the Earth's planetary ship!

I zero in on the Keystone XL pipeline that is deemed "not a threat" to the environment from a State Department study (funded by you-know-who) to allow hydrocarbons in the tar sands of Alberta, Canada, to flow into the processing plants of the Gulf of Mexico. It awaits WH approval, clearly, a decision being considered between "a rock and a hard place"! I am no doomsayer. Yes, the best way of transporting bitumen is through a regulated pipeline, not to mention the labor opportunities in its construction and maintenance. But is that all that is involved?

We heard that the fracking of Ohio shale is related to the recent earthquakes in the region as the tectonic plate responds to the mining involving the literal shaking of the Earth's foundations. I continue to point to China's current struggle on petrochemical byproducts (benzene and p-xylene) as wreaking havoc on health and the environment. Our call re the health of the planet is the taken-for-granted-ness of all the derivatives we have come to enjoy for more than a century as perhaps needing a healthy dose of SOS rather than a singular focus on the commercial bottom line before the whole Earthship turns into a story of gloom and doom for the human race.

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin and yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these, said a sage of old. Put a lily in mama Gaia's ear this week!

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Advancing to the rear!

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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It was Good Friday as a rendition of *The Prayer* played softly from my laptop. I tried to steer clear of my normal critical analysis of issues, if only to calmly focus on my meditation.

But there's the troubling and lingering thought how we've messed these isles beyond recognition. Though it's called leadership, it's more a case of "followership" where we've driven everything into the filthy ditch of bankruptcy.

Over the years, every Tom, Dick, Harry, and Lia have pushed liberal inclusion of measures that led to the bankruptcy of the Retirement Fund. It further led to DB members withdrawing their contributions. Don't know the fate or status of DC members.

Meanwhile, we engage in quick fix measures that won't resolve strengthening the fiscal aspect of the Fund. It entails spending every penny until we all come to the "wake and funeral" and final internment slated for 2018. Is this an issue that could be fixed on a permanent basis beyond long spells snoozing at the switchboard?

As obligations skyrocket by leaps and bounds, we retreat into glorifying incompetence by chancing spouts of new investment interests in the islands. Little do we know our own inadequacies imposing policies that discourage wealth and jobs creation; indeed, the new revenue level is around $140 million. Take away $50 million for the court adjudicated settlement agreement of the Fund and you have the balance of $90 million for everything else!

It's difficult mustering any sense of hope or optimism when everything before you dims quicker than your natural ability to blink. Definitely, a lot of the deepening mess revolves around leadership's incompetence that heavily plasters everybody to the economic floor of misery. With a cumulative income per legislator of some $90,000 annually, no wonder their view of the folks downstairs is blurred for we pay their unearned loot too!

There's also the obvious myopic view of the term government now redefined to mean the "we few" upstairs. It completely ignores the participation of "we the people." You chance casual conversation with any of them and you could instantly tell they are groping for answers when forced into issues of substance. And you're chancing policymaking as an ill-informed and ill-equipped legislator? Why are we asking these questions? Happenstance? Ignorance? Frustration? Exasperation? Hopelessness?

Even families know how to work out a plan for that rainy day and sacrifice religiously for the unexpected. Is this difficult for nimble minds on the hill? Now dystopia, meaning "where nothing works," is the trophy you're conveying to us in the midst of deepening familial economic misery so predicated in your obvious incompetence?

From the grapevine

Through the legislative grapevine, there are loud whispers of next of kin of politicians preparing to leave for Macau for training in security and other forms of casino jobs.

Heard the jobs pay around $8.50 an hour and handpicked government employees closely related to the boys on both sides of the street on the hill have also been meticulously selected.

This rumor confirms several things: 1). The casino investor has been ordained and selected before the casino law zipped its way through both chambers then signed into law during one fateful dark night. 2). You will be hearing, in no uncertain terms, the names of trainees who are closely associated with pro-casino policymakers. I suppose its "All In The Family" *lai*!

The deal stinks from the outset as we await the decomposition to invite more flies from throughout the CNMI. You may fume of the cat being let out of the bag and even attempt to issue an instinctive argument. But would your narrative be sufficient to convince the prosecution—you know, the woefully intelligent reading public?

Dumb decisions of yester-years

Nearly 20 years ago, Continental Airlines (United) sought from the local government the opportunity to establish the international airport here as a hub. We stretched our collar of political arrogance and cut them down to pieces.

It simply got up and moved to Guam and turned it into its hub. Today, we all pay $3-$5 per trip when passing through Guam. It includes tourists who must descend and wait at the Guam airport between four to six hours before connecting to Saipan. Someday soon I will reveal the name of the two culprits! It's adolescency at the helm!

The airline industry is also a business entity that involves millions of dollars annually to move people and cargo from point A-B. Why the apparent myopic view that airlines are a part of the CNMI government? Is it?

I suppose this immaturity is honed by the simplistic notion that everything is government. Nah! This government is broke and the unintended victim of lame policy decisions since yesteryears. We no longer could afford legislators who are at a loss what policymaking entails. It prompts the dire need for academic and professional competency. Such isn't the case today! This has got to change forthwith!

Guam now relishes collecting huge revenues as United Airlines' hub that triggered expansion of its international airport and residual economic activities. We yawn quizzing how we've shot ourselves in the foot nearly two decades ago, placing political arrogance over the greater economic benefit we would have reaped as the hub for a major airline.

PUTIN

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tough Western sanctions against the country's energy sector and arms manufacturers would have a devastating effect on an economy based on extractive industries.

The West needs to make clear to Putin that it not only has the capacity to bring Russia's primary economic engine to a grinding halt but that if it does, the repercussions will be severe enough to threaten even his own hold on power. That ultimately may be the only thing Putin really cares about, which is why U.S. and European leaders need to speak with one voice to convince him the West absolutely is not bluffing about what will happen if he continues his reckless military adventure in Ukraine. That's a far more serious challenge to his position than any Western military move could pose, and over the long run it's also a gambit the West is certain to win.

President Obama has given Putin an "off ramp" from the disaster he's courting, and if he chooses to take it the West should be gracious in allowing him to save face. But if not, the United States and the European Union need to be ready to pound the stuffing out of the Russian economy and isolate Putin politically at home and abroad so that even his control of state media won't be able to undo the damage to his power and prestige. Kicking him out of the G-8 was a good first step in that direction. Sooner or later the long-suffering Russian people will realize for themselves how little the Kremlin's corrupt and autocratic rule has done for them, and Russia's economy is Putin's Achilles' heel.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A 4-minute solution!

I would like readers to consider the idea of following Gov. Inos or President Obama. I'm sure most people with common sense don't have to even think about it knowing the President is the better choice under any circumstances. Well, the President is leading on marijuana reform but Gov. Inos says we are not ready—again without any kind of study or feedback for support like he did with the ferry. So I'm following the President when it comes to marijuana reform and to hell with what our governor says or thinks and there are a lot of people joining in the reform to legalize marijuana. In fact, there are two initiatives going around and I encourage everyone to sign both because two initiatives are better for the people to decide as both initiatives accomplish the same goal. The fact that there are two marijuana initiatives really speaks volumes to the strong desire within the community to legalize it.

Inos and others have sworn the casino is our *only* solution but they really mean a casino is the *only* solution we're going to get. Colorado and Washington states took the reform ball from the President and scored bog and now they are reaping the mega millions in reward. So do we really continue to follow Gov. Inos on marijuana reform or the President of the United States? It is really that simple. In fact it is so simple that when people come up to the referendum and initiative sign-up booth I have in Kagman, the first thing they ask for is the marijuana initiative without any explanation. People from all walks of life, from all the different professions and from all economic levels, are signing the initiative to legalize marijuana.

It is obvious the governor and the Legislature are playing politics with retirees by timing the 25 percent payment so retirees will start getting money from the casino for this election season. I'm just glad many retirees are not fooled and won't vote for him. The investor may give away the $1 million license fee and even pay the nonrefundable $30 million but the $30 million is going to be refunded if the people do the right thing in the voting booth! We will have plenty of money and we are literally going to need a traffic light for flights at the airport if we legalize marijuana—that's no April Fool joke.

The President is pushing marijuana reform because if America legalizes marijuana as a nation, we will have fewer headaches with crime and once again become one of the world's top vacation spots generating hundreds of billions for the American economy but our governor said only casinos! But voters have the power to fix our economy and create a tourist industry that will thrive for many decades to come in four minutes. If voters take three minutes to sign the referendums and the initiative and one more minute in the voting booth approving them, you will have changed the CNMI for the better in just four minutes of your time. Voters know that legalizing marijuana is far better than a casino and it will certainly attract more tourists and flights to the CNMI than we need—a chance of a lifetime we shouldn't miss that only comes once!

P.S.: Those who are for the casino don't seem to realize they are supporting certain leaders and their principle of disrespecting the people. Casino supporters are breeding a disrespectful government by saying it is OK when you know it was wrong of them to force a casino down our throats. My God, do you people realize the next time it could be you crying foul from a government being disrespectful that you helped to breed! But you can be assured the CNMI will have the most controlled, most child-protective and most profitable marijuana law to date if approved.

Ambrose M Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

A dictionary in hand

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."—Dr. Seuss, *I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!*

Literacy is a key to the door of the future. It is a vehicle to escaping poverty, increasing your potential, and bringing light into dark places. As history has taught, words can begin wars or end them. Written words capture your ideas and intent. They also help history through records and archives.

As humanity has proven, throughout our history, we have tried to share our knowledge with one another. We learned that by sharing, we help build trust, relationships, and cooperation. This in turn has led to the creation of organized groups, clans, villages, then communities, towns, city states, and eventually nations all around the world. We here in the CNMI are no different, so we must keep this trend going by pushing for literacy.

It has been my pleasure to be part of the efforts by the Saipan Rotary Club to distribute into every public school's third grader's hand a dictionary which will serve as a tool for them to brighten their minds, understand the world around them, and of course add to this community's betterment.

Thomas M. Thornburgh
Saipan Rotary Club member

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 15 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°

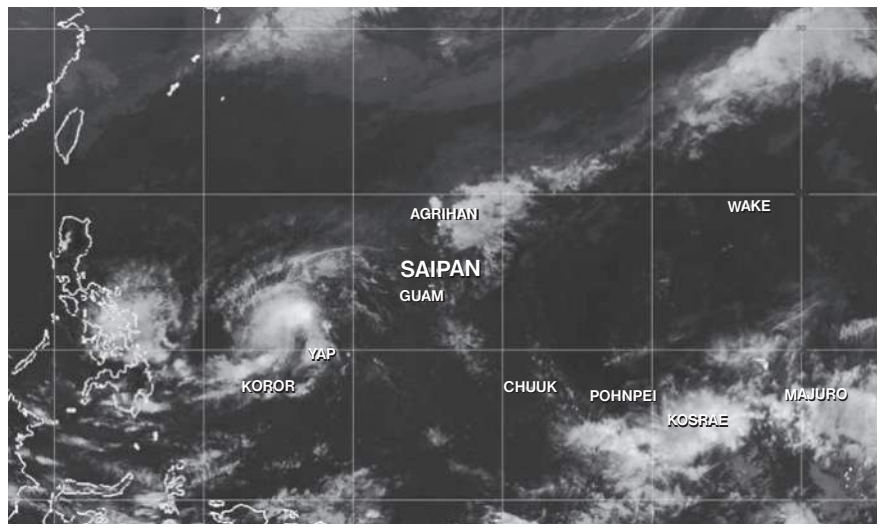
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲89	▼79
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼77
Yap	Showers	▲90	▼78
Chuuk	Mostly Sunny	▲87	▼80
Pohnpei	Showers	▲86	▼78
Kosrae	Showers	▲86	▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲68	▼61
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲77	▼49
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲79	▼74
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼73
London	Showers	▲67	▼49
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲79	▼59
Manila	Partly Cloudy	▲93	▼79
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼56
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼67
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲55	▼40
Osaka	Rain	▲64	▼55
Paris	Showers	▲64	▼47
Pusan	Cloudy	▲69	▼54
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲70	▼53
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲69	▼47
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲67	▼50
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲71	▼47
Tokyo	Showers	▲67	▼57
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲64	▼42

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A near-equatorial trough meanders northeastward from near Mindanao through 6N130E to a tropical disturbance centered near Yap at 10N137E then turns southeastward through a circulation centered south of Kosrae at 3N163E to end at EQ172E. Numerous showers and scattered thunderstorms are present north of the disturbance within 90 miles of 12N136E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen over Koror between 7N and 10N from 132E to 135E and also over Yap within 50 miles of 10N138E. Similar weather is also found near the circulation south of Pohnpei but over Kosrae within 100 miles of a line from 4N155E to 3N161E to 7N167E. A surface trough extends northeastward from the tropical disturbance near Yap to beyond 25N at 155E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are evident over the northern CNMI and south of Minami Tori Shima within 85 miles of a line from 18N146E to 22N155E. Converging trade winds are generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from the southern Marshall Islands eastward to the date line or east of a line from 4N168E to 9N169E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

1:40 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
7:15 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
12:03 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
7:33 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:59 AM	6:32 PM
Tuesday	5:59 AM	6:33 PM
Wednesday	5:58 AM	6:33 PM
Thursday	5:58 AM	6:33 PM
Friday	5:57 AM	6:33 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today		10:58 AM
Tuesday	12:08 AM	11:58 AM
Wednesday	1:00 AM	12:57 PM
Thursday	1:50 AM	1:55 PM
Friday	2:37 AM	2:52 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	6:55pm	8:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA5038	7:45pm	8:35pm	2, 6
UA5078	8:10pm	9:00pm	3

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	5:35pm	6:10pm	2, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	6:40pm	7:15pm	2, 6

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11: 05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	10:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5038	5:35pm	7:15pm	2, 6 via Rota
UA5077	6:50pm	7:40pm	3

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	6:55pm	7:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	8:00pm	8:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	7:20pm	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL172/288	7:45am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5039	9:55am	6:25pm	7 via Guam
UA190/5038	9:55am	7:15pm	6 via Rota-Guam
UA190/5077	9:55am	7:40pm	3 via Guam
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via Guam
UA184/5038	10:25pm	7:15pm+1	1 via Rota-Guam
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via Guam
UA184/5038	11:30pm	7:15pm+1	5 via Rota-Guam

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air; D: Dynamic Airways; ORB: OREN AIR.

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

REGIONAL ISLAND SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE

Representatives of the Public School System, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, and Northern Marianas College attend the 2014 Regional Island Sustainability Conference on April 14-16, 2014, in Guam to learn more about achieving sustainable communities. Hosted by the University of Guam's Center for Island Sustainability, participants from the CNMI engaged in opportunities to meet the region's island communities in areas of environment, economy, society and education. The three-day conference involved taking ideas, such as renewable and sustainable technologies, and putting them to action. PSS plans to take the experiences learned from the conference, which included the Green Dream Home High School Competition, into the schools next year to increase STEM course development, STEM interests and careers. From left to right: Liza Johnston, BECQ; John Sutfin, PSS; Fran Castro, BECQ; Jackie Quitugua, PSS; Jeaniffer Cubangbang, PSS; Joseph Torres, PSS; Dr. Rita Sablan, PSS; Cherlyn Cabrera, PSS; Jihan Buniag, BECQ; and Geri Dela Cruz, DPW. Not in photo is Bobbie Marfalen, NMC, who was present but not pictured.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Navy, Air Force training on FDM

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on April 22-24 from 6am to 11pm. The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

NBG to test emergency alert system

SANTA RITA, Guam—U.S. Naval Base Guam will conduct a test of its emergency alert system on April 23, from 1pm to 2pm. During the date and time indicated, the system commonly referred to as the Giant Voice will deliver the following message: "This is only a test. No further action required."

The Giant Voice at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Guam, South Finegayan housing, Flag Circle, I Puntan at Nimitz Hill, North and South Tipalao, Camp Covington, Apra View, Navy Munitions Site, U.S. Coast Guard and Polaris Point will be activated. Residents and patrons in the surrounding areas should not be alarmed if they hear increased activity associated with the test. ***(PR)***

Prescription Drug Take Back Day set

The 2014 National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is scheduled nationwide on April 26, 2014, from 10am to 2pm. In the CNMI, the activity will be held simultaneously at the Rota Health Center (Songsong Village), Saipan Commonwealth Health Center (Middle Road Garapan), and Tinian Health Center (San Jose Village). ***(PR)***

UOG president Underwood to speak at UCLA

University of Guam President Dr. Robert Underwood has been invited to speak at the University of California, Los Angeles as part of the Morgan and Helen Chu Endowment Speaker Series. Dr. Underwood's presentation is titled: "A Conversation about the State of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Higher Education."

The presentation will take place at the UCLA Faculty Center in Los Angeles at 1pm (PST) on April 22, 2014, and is co-sponsored by the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies and the UCLA Asian American Studies Center. ***(PR)***

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

It is the policy of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) to limit hiring to qualified US workers, as restricted by CNMI law, and that equal opportunity be given to all qualified US worker applicants regardless of age, sex or sexual orientation, religion, marital status, political status, veterans status, disability or place of origin.

The Marianas Visitors Authority is seeking for qualified individuals for the following positions:

POSITION:		CLOSING DATE:
JVA#14-004	Destination Enhancement Planner	Continuous or until filled
JVA#14-005	Special Assistant to the Managing Director	04/25/14
JVA#14-006	Statistics Specialist I	04/25/14

HOW TO APPLY
Interested persons may contact the Marianas Visitors Authority Office at (670) 664-3200/01. A completed application must be submitted together with the required documents prior to the closing date in order to be considered. A resume may be attached, but THE APPLICATION FORM MUST BE FILLED OUT IN FULL, OR THE APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. DO NOT SIMPLY REFER TO AN ATTACHED RESUME.

MVA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

SUNSHINE 100 RESORT DEV'T. CO., LTD.
is inviting individuals to apply for the following positions:

General Manager Assistant
Bachelor's degree in architecture, urban planning, or construction. At least 6 years work related experience with no less than 4 years experience in managerial or higher level position in project management, preferably in property development industry, urban planning or construction. Must have experience in real estate development, project initial planning through completion, construction planning and management including strategic planning and project analysis. Must have experience in the preparation of real-estate market reports as well as feasibility report. Requires excellent multi-tasking, organizational, interpersonal and leadership skills. Must have expertise in Word, Excel, Power Point and CAD.

Cost Controller
Bachelor's Degree in construction management engineering or accountancy. With at least 5 years work experience in construction projects or real estate development. Must have extensive experience in conducting construction budgets and contract management, construction project feasibility reports, contract and procurement policies, project cost control, engineering progress payment forecast and cost accounting. Requires excellent communication, multi-tasking, organizational and interpersonal skills. Must have expertise in the use of Excel, Microsoft software or SAP R3 Financial Controlling (FICO) system.

Design Director
Bachelor's degree in architecture, urban planning, or construction. At least 6 years work related experience preferably in architectural design in property development, urban planning or multiple building construction projects. Must have experience in real estate development, project preparation including planning and design of project. Requires excellent multi-tasking, organizational, interpersonal and leadership skills. Must have expertise in Word, Excel, Power Point, CAD, Photoshop and Sketch Up.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at SUNSHINE 100 RESORT DEV'T. CO., LTD. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 24, 2014.

A pre-employment drug testing will be required.

SUNSHINE 100 RESORT DEV'T. CO., LTD. is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Qualified women, minorities and disabled persons are encouraged to apply.

NAKED FISH CAFE

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE HIRING

LINE COOK (1)

Applicants must have thorough knowledge on preparation, seasoning and cooking dishes such as soups, fish, meats, vegetables, desserts, or other foods in restaurant. Inspect and clean food preparation area to ensure safe and sanitary food-handling practices. Check the quality of raw or cook food products to ensure the restaurant standards are met. Must know how to portion, arrange and garnish food, or how food should be presented to customers. Analyze recipes to assign prices on menu items, based on food, labor, and overhead costs. Prepare and cook food of all types, either on a regular basis or for special guests or functions.

Interested applicants may submit resume' or pick up an employment application form at Team Advance Group/Naked Fish Office located at Unit#6 JCT Bldg.II (next to Isla Financial or Hon. Kilili Sablan's office), Joeten Susupe Shopping Center.

FIESTA Resort & SPA SAIPAN
A TanHoldings Company

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

is inviting qualified U.S. Citizens to apply
for the following vacant positions

(1) Butcher: Cut, trim or prepare consumer sized portions of meat for use in the Resort's restaurant outlets.
Qualification Requirements: High School graduate or equivalent. One (1) year previous work-related skill, knowledge, or experience as a butcher is required. Must be able to work a flexible schedule including week-ends and holidays.

(1) Steward Supervisor: Supervises stewarding staff in accordance with the Resort's policies and procedures ensuring they are implemented consistently leading to guest satisfaction.
Qualification Requirements: 3 years experience in stewarding; 1 year stewarding supervisor experience. Must be able to work long hours and handle pressure. Have strong knowledge on Health and procedure and implementation.

(2) Cooks: Prepare culinary delights to the Resort's guests ensuring guests' satisfaction in all of the Resort's restaurant outlets.
Qualification Requirements: 2 years experience as a cook in a high volume restaurant or hotel. Must have problem solving abilities, be self-motivated and organized. Must be able to work nights, weekends and holidays.

Applications may be obtained and submitted to our Security Office located on the South Wing of Fiesta Resort & Spa. Dead-line for submission of applications is April 25, 2014 to be considered.

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IT&E, Xerox added to list of 2014 MMAC sponsors

Xerox Corp. and IT&E are once again sponsors of this year's Marianas March Against Cancer, the signature fundraising event of the Commonwealth Cancer Association.

IT&E donated $5,000 worth of services and raffle prizes, making it a title sponsor, while Xerox donated $1,000 as a major sponsor.

The 2014 MMAC overall committee chair Manny Borja said the MMAC is glad to have both companies back sponsoring the 2014 MMAC.

"This is Xerox's second time sponsoring. Last year they were a major sponsor, and they are returning as major sponsors again. Their sponsorship is to help put on the survivors' recognition ceremony and MMAC is glad to have them onboard again," Borja said.

Nola Hix of Xerox Corp. said they are proud to once again support this annual event. "We encourage the community to join arms as we launch oral cancer awareness with our roadside waving scheduled for this month. If you want to do your part, 'Living a Healthy Life is a Start.'"

Hix also said that they would continue to help in the fight against cancer and remember those that have battled cancer.

IT&E's donation included gift certificates, an Android phone, and one-year free landline services for the CCA and gift cards to help defray the cost of phone usage.

This year's MMAC title sponsors are Bank of Guam, Delta Air Lines, DFS Saipan, Ltd., GPPC, Island Apparel, IT&E, Joeten Daidai Foundation, *Marianas Variety*, Sorensen Media Group, and Take Care/FHP. Its major sponsors are Brabu Pharmacy, Docomo Pacific, First Hawaiian Bank, IP&E, McDonald's of Saipan, Precision Medical Imaging, Saipan Mayor's Office, Traders Insurance Co., Hyatt Regency Saipan, and Xerox Corp.

The 2014 MMAC will be held on May 2 and May 3, 2014, from 6pm to 6am at the Hopwood Junior High School field in Chalan Piao.

For more information, contact Borja at 989-1987, email him at emanuel.borja@gmail.com, or visit CCA website at www.ccamarianas.org. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

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IT&E's sales and marketing manager Hans Mickelson, fifth from left, hands a $5,000 donation in services and raffle prizes to the 2014 Marianas March Against Cancer Committee and Commonwealth Cancer Association.

Nola Hix of Xerox Corp., third from left, hands a $1,000 check to 2014 Marianas March Against Cancer committee members. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Officers and members of the United Filipino Organizations have their picture taken on Mt. Tapochau on April 18, 2014. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

UFO thanks Good Friday donors

The United Filipino Organizations once again gave away free food like congee, eggs, biscuits, bread, and drinks to all hikers going up the peak of Mt. Tapochau on April 17-18, 2014.

According to UFO president Annamae Daza, this activity is a form of service to the community "that we render and of course with the help of all our donors."

Peter Crisostomo of the MDX Radio Club chaired the event. The MDX Radio Club started giving out free food to pilgrims going up Mt. Tapochau back in 1993. Other organizations joined the group and the event is now spearheaded by UFO with the help of member organizations, companies, and individuals.

This year's donors are Star Water Co., Detry Pumping Services (Mr. Ronald), Get Covered Tent (Mr. Tino Camacho), Global CNMI Logistics, Freddie Cataluna of Five Star Builders, The Lounge Bakery, Fong's Bakery, National Office Supply, Jhem's Restaurant, D' Elegance Café, McDonald's Saipan, DL /JOS Corp., Mario Mayuga, Peter Crisostomo. Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Encio, Lorna Baro, Gemma Batusin, Lei Hicaro, June Banadera, Sandy Pablo, Jessie Yumul of YCO Corp., Toshiba Pacific Home Appliance, Cosmos Distributing Co., Donna Lynn General Merchandise, Don Pedro Restaurant, Star 6 Enterprises, Marianas Association of Filipino Engineers and Architects, Marianas Institute of Filipino CPA's and Accountants, MDX Radio Club, Visminda, Bayani Association, Northern Marianas Bartenders Association, and CNMI Power. ***(UFO)***

Business

Documents detail another delayed GM recall

DETROIT (AP)—General Motors waited years to recall nearly 335,000 Saturn Ions for power steering failures despite getting thousands of consumer complaints and more than 30,000 warranty repair claims, according to government documents released Saturday.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the government's auto safety watchdog, also didn't seek a recall of the compact car from the 2004 through 2007 model years even though it opened an investigation more than two years ago and found 12 crashes and two injuries caused by the problem.

The documents, posted on the agency's website, show yet another delay by GM in recalling unsafe vehicles and point to another example of government safety regulators reacting slowly to a safety problem despite being alerted by consumers and through warranty data submitted by the company.

A recall can be initiated by an automaker or demanded by the government.

Both GM and NHTSA have been criticized by safety advocates and lawmakers for their slow responses to a deadly ignition switch problem in 2.6 million GM small cars. GM admitted knowing about the problem for more than a decade, yet didn't start recalling the cars until February. The company says it knows of 13 deaths in crashes linked to the ignition switches, but family members of crash victims say the number is much higher.

The Ion was one of a few GM cars included in a March 31 recall of 1.5 million vehicles worldwide to replace the power steering motors; the recall also covered some older Saturn Auras, Pontiac G6s and Chevrolet Malibus. If cars lose power steering, they can still be steered, but with much greater effort. Drivers can be surprised by the problem and lose control of the cars and crash.

In a statement issued Saturday, GM admitted that it didn't do enough to take care of the power steering problem.

NHTSA closed its investigation into the Ion because GM had decided to recall the cars, according to the documents released Saturday.

"This raises more troubling concerns about GM's and NHTSA's actions as well as questions about whether NHTSA has the capability to effectively do its job," said Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo. "I intend to aggressively pursue these issues as our congressional investigation into GM and NHTSA continues."

DeGette was a ranking member of a House subcommittee that grilled GM CEO Mary Barra earlier this month during a hearing on the ignition switch problems.

NHTSA said Saturday it was "actively working to bring this investigation to a resolution" when GM issued the recall.

"Over the past ten years, NHTSA defect investigations resulted in 1,299 recalls involving more than 95 million vehicles and items of motor vehicle equipment, which has helped us reduce vehicle fatalities to historic, all-time lows," the agency said in an emailed statement.

The number of complaints and claims with the power steering issue appears to be high when compared with other recent recalls that were preceded by NHTSA investigations. In March, three recalls—none of which were GM vehicles—were issued after two or fewer complaints. There were 29 warranty claims in one case, 263 in another and none in the third investigation. All three cases covered fewer vehicles than the Ion recall.

A search of the agency's database records shows that Ion owners started complaining about power steering failures as early as June 2004, and the first injury accident was reported to NHTSA in May 2007. The owner of a 2004 Ion reported driving 25 mph and tried to turn the steering wheel, but it locked, and the car crashed into a tree.

"Saturn stated the vehicle is not a defect," the complaint said.

AP

This Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006 photo shows unsold 2006 Ion coupes outside a Saturn dealership in the south Denver suburb of Highlands Ranch, Colo.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

EU official against cutting Russia gas ties

BERLIN (AP)—A senior European Union official says he opposes cutting back gas ties with Russia in the next few years but the bloc should work on diversifying supplies. Russia is a major European gas supplier, and mounting tensions over Ukraine have raised concerns about possible disruption. In an interview with Germany's Welt am Sonntag newspaper, EU Energy Commissioner Guenther Oettinger conceded there's a risk of Russia cutting supplies to Ukraine, an important transit country, over unpaid bills. However, Oettinger was quoted Saturday as saying: "We agree that the gas sector should not be a priority in possible economic sanctions—whether on the European or Russian side." He says he's "against reducing or even breaking off gas relations with Russia in the coming years. However, we must pursue our diversification strategy."

Beijing auto show opens amid market slowdown

BEIJING (AP)—Global and Chinese automakers are looking to the Beijing auto show to help boost sales in a slowing, intensely competitive market. Brands from General Motors Co. to Chinese SUV maker Great Wall Motors are unveiling new and restyled sedans, sport utility vehicles and other models at Auto China 2014 this week. China is the world's biggest auto market, with 17.9 million vehicles sold last year. But sales growth is forecast to slow from last year's 15.7 percent to 8 to 10 percent this year. And competition is intense, with global automakers jostling with 25 local brands for sales. Ambitious domestic brands such as Chery Ltd. are losing ground to foreign rivals. Sales by Chinese independent brands shrank 2.6 percent from a year earlier in the first quarter while the overall market grew 7.9 percent and their market share shrank.

Fiat and Chrysler to build 3 Jeep models in China

ROME (AP)—Fiat and Chrysler announced plans Saturday to build three new Jeep models in China for that market, the biggest for the vehicles outside the United States, as they attempt to boost sales in a country where they lag behind their competitors.

The automakers said they will expand their joint venture with China's Guangzhou Automobile Group Co. Ltd., and increase the portfolio of Jeeps, which are currently imported to China.

Production is expected to start in late 2015 in Guangzhou, the companies said in a statement, adding that they are considering a Jeep model "uniquely designed for China."

Chrysler Group LLC spokesman Gualberto Ranieri declined to provide details on that model. He said in an email that more information will be announced at an "appropriate time."

Fiat and Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne, who plans to complete the legal merger of Fiat and Chrysler by the end of the year, said in the statement that the deal represents the next phase in the "expansion on a global scale of the Jeep brand."

The joint venture involving Chrysler, Fiat and Guangzhou Automotive makes the Fiat Viaggio in China, but no Jeeps are currently produced there.

China represents the largest Jeep market outside the U.S. with nearly 60,000 vehicles sold last year. Ranieri said the Jeeps that will be made in China would be sold only in that country.

Fiat and Chrysler were expected to try to increase sales in that high-growth market. Executives with Chrysler's Jeep brand said as far back as the start of 2013 that they were in talks to build some vehicles in China for that market. They said the Jeep Wrangler would always be built in the United States, but there were opportunities among other models.

During the 2012 presidential campaign, Republican candidate Mitt Romney came under criticism for an ad that said Chrysler would build Jeeps in China—insinuating that U.S. jobs might suffer. That brought the 2009 government bailout of General Motors and Chrysler to the forefront in the days ahead of the election.

The claims were criticized for being misleading, since automakers were adding production facilities in China to meet rising demand there. Because of trade rules, it's easier for companies to build cars for the Chinese market in China.

Health care site flagged in Heartbleed review

WASHINGTON (AP)—People who have accounts on the enrollment website for President Barack Obama's signature health care law are being told to change their passwords following an administration-wide review of the government's vulnerability to the confounding Heartbleed Internet security flaw.

Senior administration officials said there is no indication that the HealthCare.gov site has been compromised and the action is being taken out of an abundance of caution. The government's Heartbleed review is ongoing, the officials said, and users of other websites may also be told to change their passwords in the coming days, including those with accounts on the popular WhiteHouse.gov petitions page.

The Heartbleed programming flaw has caused major security concerns across the Internet and affected a widely used encryption technology that was designed to protect online accounts. Major Internet services have been working to insulate themselves against the problem and are also recommending that users change their website passwords.

Officials said the administration was prioritizing its analysis of websites with heavy traffic and the most sensitive user information. A message that will be posted on the health care website starting Saturday reads: "While there's no indication that any personal information has ever been at risk, we have taken steps to address Heartbleed issues and reset consumers' passwords out of an abundance of caution."

The health care website became a prime target for critics of the Obamacare law last fall when the opening of the insurance enrollment period revealed widespread flaws in the online system. Critics have also raised concerns about potential security vulnerabilities on a site where users input large amounts of personal data.

Nation

Governor: Closing Boston amid bomber hunt 'tough'

BOSTON (AP)—Several days after the Boston Marathon bombing, Gov. Deval Patrick received a call in the pre-dawn hours from a top aide telling him that police officers outside the city had just engaged in a ferocious gun battle with the two men suspected of setting the bombs and that one was dead and the other had fled.

Within hours, Patrick shut down the region's public transportation system and made an extraordinary request of more than 1 million greater Boston residents:

Shelter in place.

And for the better part of April 19, 2013, nearly everyone did.

On what otherwise would be a normal weekday, people stayed home. Stores in Boston were shuttered, streets deserted and an eerie silence prevailed while authorities searched for the suspect and attempted to cut off escape routes.

"It was a big decision. I'm glad we made it," Patrick reflected during a recent interview about the anniversary of the bombing.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, it turned out, would not be captured until shortly after the shelter-in-place request was lifted some 12 hours later. He was found in a boat, behind a home in Watertown, a Boston suburb, blocks from where his older brother, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, had died after the earlier shootout. The homeowner had ventured outside to check on his boat and, upon noticing the cover amiss, peered in and saw the bloodied teenager.

That the population of greater Boston overwhelmingly agreed to shelter in place—it was not mandatory—and that there was little second-guessing despite the inconvenience and disruption of commerce it caused, was viewed as a reflection of the anxiety gripping the region. It was also a sign of how strongly the city rallied around itself and its leaders after the bombing.

Henry Willis, director of the homeland security and defense center at Rand Corp., said he was surprised there had not been more analysis of the decision.

AP

In this April 19, 2013 file photo, the streets and sidewalks around Faneuil Hall Marketplace in Boston are almost deserted at dinnertime as a call for "shelter-in-place" for Boston and some area communities remains in force.

"It was clear the perpetrators of the bombing were armed and willing to hurt people," Willis said. "At the same time, shelter in place created an effective lockdown of the entire city, and, if nothing else, it's difficult to sustain such a condition in a major metropolitan area."

Initially, Patrick said, police intended only to seal off parts of Watertown and a small portion of Boston and suspend public buses to those areas. But that would change as more details emerged in the chaotic overnight hours.

He learned that the earlier shooting of Massachusetts Institute of Technology police officer Sean Collier and a carjacking in Cambridge were believed to be linked to the bombing suspects as well. And other information, alarming though later unsubstantiated, kept pouring in: One report of a taxi going from Watertown to Boston's South Station just before the first scheduled train of the day to New York City; another that federal agents had chased a person matching the suspect's description in South Boston.

Patrick concluded that the suspect could have already moved far from Watertown, necessitating a broader lockdown.

"So there was all this other stuff happening and the question then was, How do you surgically shut down (public transportation) in and out of Boston? It's impossible to do. So we suspended service for the day and we asked people in the city and in the greater Boston area to shelter in place," Patrick said.

San Francisco probe leading to entrapment claims

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The FBI used millions of dollars, liquor and cigarettes seized in other cases and more than a dozen undercover operatives in an elaborate, seven-year sting operation targeting a San Francisco Chinatown association thought to be a front for a notorious organized crime syndicate.

The agents, posing as honest businessmen and a Mafia figure, spent freely and aggressively offered their targets criminal schemes, leading to the indictment of 29 people—including state Sen. Leland Yee—on charges that included money laundering, public corruption and gun trafficking.

The agents' behavior has already become a central issue in the month-old case, with defense lawyers arguing that the FBI entrapped otherwise honest people by luring them into criminal schemes hatched by the government.

It's an argument numerous suspected terrorists, politicians and others have made when caught in a government sting.

But legal experts say the entrapment defense rarely works. Sting targets have to prove much more than simply the government made them do it. They have to show they weren't predisposed to committing the criminal acts proposed by undercover agents.

Several high-profile terrorism suspects in recent months have argued they were set up by undercover agents who played central roles in helping them plan U.S. attacks that they otherwise would never have intended to carry out.

In January 2013, jurors in Portland, Ore., rejected Mohamed Mohamud's claims that the FBI was at fault for him trying to set off a bomb at Pioneer Courthouse Square during a 2010 Christmas tree lighting ceremony attended by thousands of people. The bomb, supplied by the agents, was a fake.

In December, a federal appeals court rejected Mohanad Shareef Hammadi's claims that he was entrapped when he unwittingly worked with an government informant to ship thousands of dollars in cash, machine guns, rifles, grenades and shoulder-fired missiles from Kentucky to al-Qaida in Iraq from 2010 through 2011. No money or weapons ever left the United States.

"Entrapment is often raised but seldom successful," said Notre Dame University law school professor Jimmy Gurule, a former federal prosecutor and high-ranking U.S. Department of Justice official under President George H.W. Bush.

Undercover government agents are given wide latitude in setting up their targets, and U.S. Supreme Court rulings and Department of Justice guidelines make it clear they view sting operations as necessary and desirable to fight serious crime.

Entrapment claims work in court only in "extreme cases of outrageous government conduct," Gurule said.

In the San Francisco case, Gurule said federal prosecutors have to prove only that Yee and other targets of government stings were "predisposed to commit the crime."

Ohio couple married 70 years die 15 hours apart

NASHPORT, Ohio (AP)—A couple who held hands at breakfast every morning even after 70 years of marriage have died 15 hours apart.

Helen Felumlee, of Nashport, died at 92 on April 12. Her husband, 91-year-old Kenneth Felumlee, died the next morning.

The couple's eight children say the two had been inseparable since meeting as teenagers, once sharing the bottom of a bunk bed on a ferry rather than sleeping one night apart, the Zanesville Times Recorder reported (http://ohne.ws/1in7erG).

They remained deeply in love until the very end, even eating breakfast together while holding hands, said their daughter, Linda Cody.

"We knew when one went, the other was going to go," she said.

According to Cody, about 12 hours after Helen died, Kenneth looked at his children and said, "Mom's dead." He quickly began to fade and was surrounded by 24 of his closest family members and friends when he died the next morning.

"He was ready," Cody said. "He just didn't want to leave her here by herself."

Son Dick Felumlee said his parents died of old age, surrounded by family.

"At Dad's bed we were singing his favorite hymns, reading scriptures and praying with him," he told The Associated Press in an email. "It was a going away party, and we know he loved it."

The pair had known each other for several years when they eloped in Newport, Ky., across the Ohio River from Cincinnati, on Feb. 20, 1944. At two days shy of his 21st birthday, Kenneth—who went by Kenny—was too young to marry in Ohio.

"He couldn't wait," son Jim Felumlee said.

Kenneth worked as a railroad car inspector and mechanic before becoming a mail carrier for the Nashport Post Office. He was active in his Nashport-Irville United Methodist Church as a Sunday school teacher.

Helen stayed at home, not only cooking and cleaning for her own family but also for other families in need in the area. She taught Sunday school, too, but was known more for her greeting card ministry, sending cards for birthdays, sympathy and the holidays to everyone in her community, each with a personal note inside.

"She kept Hallmark in business," daughter-in-law Debbie Felumlee joked.

When Kenneth retired in 1983 and the children began to leave the house, the Felumlees began to explore their love of travel, visiting almost all 50 states by bus.

"He didn't want to fly anywhere because you couldn't see anything as you were going," Jim Felumlee said.

Although both experienced declining health in recent years, Cody said, each tried to stay strong for the other.

"That's what kept them going," she said.

ACROSS THE NATION

Body found by highway is missing Massachusetts boy

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP)—The body of a small boy apparently cast off the side of a highway has been confirmed as a missing 5-year-old, authorities said Saturday. The body found Friday off Interstate 190 has been positively identified as Jeremiah Oliver, Worcester County District Attorney Joseph D. Early Jr. said. No charges were immediately announced related to Jeremiah's death. He was last seen by relatives in September but wasn't reported missing until December. Authorities had said they feared the Fitchburg boy was dead. Early said in a statement Saturday that the autopsy report is not complete. The investigation is continuing, he said. "It appears to be a homicide," the prosecutor said at a news conference Friday.

NASA: Engineer vital to moon landing success dies

SCARBOROUGH, Maine (AP)—John C. Houbolt, an engineer whose contributions to the U.S. space program were vital to NASA's successful moon landing in 1969, has died. He was 95. Houbolt died Tuesday at a nursing home in Scarborough, Maine, of complications from Parkinson's disease, his son-in-law Tucker Withington, of Plymouth, Mass., confirmed Saturday. As NASA describes on its website, while under pressure during the U.S.-Soviet space race, Houbolt was the catalyst in securing U.S. commitment to the science and engineering theory that eventually carried the Apollo crew to the moon and back safely. His efforts in the early 1960s are largely credited with convincing NASA to focus on the launch of a module carrying a crew from lunar orbit, rather than a rocket from Earth or a spacecraft while orbiting the planet.

Asia

Divers begin pulling bodies from sunken ferry

MOKPO, South Korea (AP)—The confirmed death toll from South Korea's ferry disaster rose past 50 on Sunday as divers finally found a way inside the sunken vessel, quickly discovering more than a dozen bodies in what almost certainly is just the beginning of a massive and grim recovery effort.

About 250 people are still missing from the ship, which had been packed with high school students on a holiday trip, and anguished families are furious with the pace of rescue efforts. Divers had previously failed to enter the ferry, officials said, because of extremely strong currents and bad visibility due to foul weather.

Beginning late Saturday, when divers broke a window, and continuing into Sunday, multiple teams of divers have found various routes into the ferry, discovering bodies in different spots, coast guard official Koh Myung-seok said at a briefing. Thirteen bodies have been found in the ship, while six other bodies were found floating outside Sunday, bringing the official death toll to 52.

At least 23 of the dead are students, according to coast guard spokesman Kim Jae-in. Divers have yet to find any survivors in the ship.

A 21-year-old South Korean sailor, surnamed Cho, also died from injuries he sustained Wednesday while working on a warship going to help rescue passengers in the ferry, said Cmdr. Yim Myung-soo of the South Korean navy.

The penetration by divers into the ferry follows the arrest of the captain Saturday on suspicion of negligence and abandoning people in need. Two crew members also were taken into custody, including a rookie third mate who a prosecutor said was steering in challenging waters unfamiliar to her when the accident occurred.

Meanwhile, on an island near the submerged ferry, about 200 police in neon jackets blocked about 100 relatives of missing passengers who'd been walking on a main road in an effort, they said, to travel to the presidential Blue House in Seoul to voice their complaints to the president.

"The government is the killer," they shouted as they pushed against a police barricade.

"We want an answer from the person in charge about why orders are not going through and nothing is being done," Lee Woon-geun, father of missing passenger Lee Jung-in, 17, said. "They are clearly lying and kicking the responsibility to others."

Prime Minister Chung Hong-won on Sunday visited the gymnasium where relatives of the ferry's missing passengers have been staying, but he met only with a number of representatives of the family members in a side office. The representatives were to brief other relatives about the meeting later.

Relatives are desperate to retrieve bodies before they decompose beyond recognition, Lee said.

"After four or five days the body starts to decay. When it's decayed, if you try to hold a hand it might fall off," he said. "I miss my son. I'm really afraid I might not get to find his body."

The ferry's captain, Lee Joon-seok, 68, was arrested along with one of the Sewol's three helmsmen and the 25-year-old third mate, prosecutors said.

Lee, speaking to reporters Saturday morning as he left the Mokpo Branch of Gwangju District Court to be jailed, defended his much-criticized decision to wait about 30 minutes before ordering an evacuation.

"At the time, the current was very strong, the temperature of the ocean water was cold, and I thought that if people left the ferry without (proper) judgment, if they were not wearing a life jacket, and even if they were, they would drift away and face many other difficulties," Lee said. "The rescue boats had not arrived yet, nor were there any civilian fishing ships or other boats nearby at that time."

Details sought in ferry rollover

Three hours from its destination at Jeju Island, a large South Korean ferry began to list badly for reasons not yet clear. Efforts by the crew to right the ship failed, while passengers were initially told to don life jackets but to remain where they were.

The ferry

Combination ferry, cargo ship
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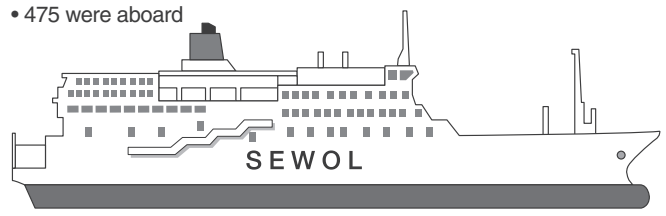
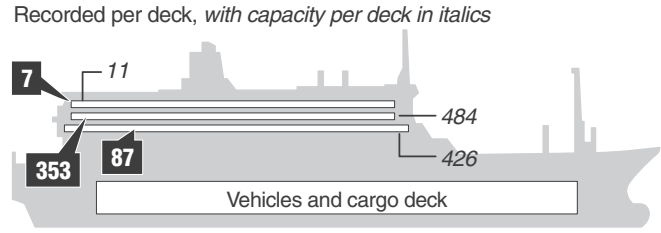
- Capacity of 921
- 475 were aboard



- Built in Japan, 1994
- Owned by Chonghaejin Marine Co. Ltd.

Passengers

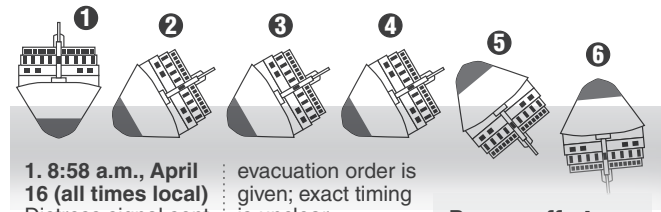
Recorded per deck, *with capacity per deck in italics*



- Capacity for 180 vehicles, 152 cargo containers

Sequence of events

Approximate times based on Korean media coverage



1. 8:58 a.m., April 16 (all times local) Distress signal sent

2. 9:30 a.m. Ferry lists 60 degrees to port

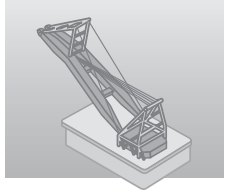
3. 10:00 a.m. First helicopter arrives, begins rescuing passengers from the upturned side of ferry

4. 30 minutes after crew first told passengers to remain where they were, first evacuation order is given; exact timing is unclear

5. About 10:15 a.m. Ferry is turning over; rescuers keep trying to pull passengers from steep side of the overturned vessel

6. 10:23 a.m. Coast Guard video shows the ferry completely capsized, with keel low in the water

Rescue efforts
- **Air is being pumped** into hull, in hope people inside are still alive
- **Three massive sea cranes** are en route to the site



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Sub search for missing jet to be finished in week

PERTH, Australia (AP)—A robotic submarine looking for the missing Malaysia Airlines plane continued to dive Sunday after completing about half of its search on the bottom of the Indian Ocean with no luck, prompting an official to express the urgent need to find something that can help solve the mysterious disappearance six weeks ago.

The Bluefin 21 unmanned sub began its eighth trip into the depths off the coast of western Australia. Its search area forms a 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) circle around the location of an underwater signal that was believed to have come from the aircraft's black boxes before their batteries died. The sonar scan of the seafloor in that area is expected to be completed in five to seven days, the search center said.

Malaysian Defense Minister Hishammuddin Hussein stressed the importance of the weekend missions to reporters in Kuala Lumpur on Saturday.

"The narrowing of the search for today and tomorrow is at a very critical juncture, so I appeal to everybody around the world to pray and pray hard that we find something to work on over the next couple of days," he said.

But he added that there were no plans to give up once the Bluefin concludes its work. Instead, he said the scope of the search may be broadened or other assets may be used.

"The search will always continue," he said. "It is just a matter of approach. All efforts will be intensified for the next few days with regards to the underwater search."

Meanwhile on Sunday, up to 11 aircraft and 12 ships continued to scan the ocean surface for debris from the Boeing 777 that disappeared March 8 en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing with 239 people on board.

Radar and satellite data show it mysteriously veered far off course for unknown reasons and would have run out of fuel in the remote section of the southern Indian Ocean where the search has been focused. Not one piece of debris has been recovered since the massive hunt began.

The tiresome search, which continues to raise more questions than answers, has tormented the families whose loved ones were aboard Flight 370. About two-thirds of the passengers were Chinese.

There have been numerous leads throughout the painstaking hunt, but all have turned out to be false. The latest hope involved an oil slick found near the underwater search area, but analysis of a sample taken from the site found it was not connected to the plane.

The most promising development came when four underwater signals were detected April 5 and 8. The sounds were consistent with pings that would have been emanating from the flight data and cockpit recorders' beacons before their batteries died.

The underwater operation is being complicated by the depth of the largely unexplored silt-covered sea floor. The U.S. Navy's submarine has gone beyond its recommended limit of 4,500 meters (15,000 feet), according to the U.S. 7th Fleet. That could risk the equipment, but it is being closely monitored.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Japan minister at shrine honoring war criminals

TOKYO (AP)—A Japanese Cabinet minister on Sunday visited a Tokyo shrine that honors the dead including war criminals, in what has repeatedly caused friction with Japan's neighbors. Lawmaker Keiji Furuya, who chairs the National Public Safety Commission, said on his website that he paid respects Sunday morning at the Yasukuni shrine ahead of a festival that starts Monday. "I believe that to honor those dead who gave up their lives for our country is the right thing for a Japanese to do," he said. He said he regularly visits Yasukuni at spring and autumn festivals, and on Aug. 15 -the day Japan surrendered in 1945. He chose to go over the weekend because he had duties to attend to during the week.

Famous television host in Pakistan shot by gunmen

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)—Police in Pakistan say gunmen have shot a famous television talk show host amid a wave of attacks on journalists in the country. Police say Hamid Mir, a host on the private television broadcaster Geo, was wounded in the attack Saturday near Karachi's airport. Senior police officer Pir Mohammad Shah says a single gunman first opened fire on Mir's car, followed by others who chased him on motorcycles. Karachi police chief Shahid Hayat told Geo that Mir suffered three gunshot wounds to the stomach and the upper legs, but was expected to survive. Last year, authorities found a bomb under Mir's car.

13th body pulled from snow in Everest avalanche

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—Nepal's authorities temporarily halted climbing on Mount Everest while search teams dug through snow and ice Sunday for three Sherpa guides missing in the deadliest avalanche on the world's highest peak that killed 13 others.

A section of the route over the dreaded Khumbu Icefall, a climbing pass where the avalanche swept a group of guides early Friday, has totally collapsed and a new trail has to be dug, ropes fixed and aluminum ladders laid over the crevasses before climbing can resume, said Ang Tshering of the Nepal Mountaineering Association.

Another group of Sherpas, who had already passed before the avalanche struck, were stranded on the other side and would only be able to get back to base camp once the new route is fixed, Tshering said.

Despite losing so many guides, there were no plans by expedition teams to abandon their attempt to climb the peak next month, he said.

Maddhu Sunan Burlakoti, head of the Nepalese government's mountaineering department, said that the search for the missing three climbers resumed Sunday.

World

Costa Rican a celebrity after certified miracle

TRES RIOS, Costa Rica (AP)—On a warm spring day, Floribeth Mora was in her bed waiting to die from a seemingly inoperable brain aneurysm when her gaze fell upon a photograph of Pope John Paul II in a newspaper.

"Stand up," Mora recalls the image of the pope saying to her. "Don't be afraid."

Mora, her doctors and the Catholic Church say her aneurysm disappeared that day in a miracle that cleared the way for the late pope to be declared a saint on April 27 in a ceremony at the Vatican where Mora will be a guest of honor.

For Mora, the church-certified miracle was only the start of her metamorphosis from an ill and desperate woman into an adored symbol of faith for thousands of Costa Ricans and Catholics around the world.

AP

In this July 5, 2013 file photo, Floribeth Mora stands by her shrine to Pope John Paul II inside the entrance to her home in La Union de Cartago, Costa Rica.

Mora, 50, has been greeting a stream of local and international visitors in her modest home in a middle-class neighborhood outside the Costa Rican capital, and accepts invitations to as many as four Masses a day. The faithful have given her so many letters to deliver to current pontiff Pope Francis that she has had to buy an extra suitcase.

Mora has suspended her late-in-life law studies and much of her work for her family security business to dedicate herself full-time to her role as a symbol of faith for many in Costa Rica.

"With all of this going on I appreciate having my own business, because if I had a boss, they would have already fired me for missing so much work," she joked.

She says she ignores skeptics who doubt she was really healed.

"Everyone can think what they want," she told The Associated Press during a visit to her home. "What I know is that I am healthy."

Mora was diagnosed with a brain aneurysm and sent home to rest and take pain medication in April 2011 after doctors said the problem was inoperable. Mora, who thought she was simply returning home to await death, looked at the image of John Paul on May 1, the day of John Paul's beatification six years after his death.

Then, she says, it spoke to her.

She surprised her family by walking around, and, after her doctors declared her healed, word spread quickly to the local church, and from there to the Vatican.

Today, Mora says speaking about her experience has become her calling.

"I've got so much to do that I'm going to dedicate myself above all to telling the world the story of God's greatness and what it's done for me," she said.

She says people sometimes ask whether the experience was somehow imagined, or the result of mental illness.

"I have no reason to doubt what I am. I am healthy and that's the most important thing," said Mora, the daughter of a shoemaker and a seamstress, born in a tough neighborhood south of San Jose.

Grandchildren run through the narrow halls of the home she shares with her husband, a retired police officer. Images of John Paul, the infant Jesus and the Virgin Mary look down from the walls of virtually every room.

The back garden smells of the oregano and rosemary she grows for cooking, and is shared by a pair of roosters, three rabbits and some ducks. Her 15-year-old son, the youngest of three, tells her off occasionally for attending so many Masses.

At barricades, Ukraine insurgents await Easter

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP)—Pro-Russian forces in eastern Ukraine on Saturday prepared to celebrate Orthodox Easter at barricades outside government offices seized in nearly a dozen cities, despite an international agreement to disarm and free the premises.

In Donetsk, Denis Pushilin, a co-chairman of the self-appointed Donetsk People's Republic, which is demanding broader regional powers and closer ties to Russia, vowed that insurgents will continue occupying government offices until the new pro-Western Kiev government is dismissed.

"We will leave only after the Kiev junta leaves," Pushilin told the Associated Press outside the occupied regional administration building. "First Kiev, then Donetsk."

Nearby, retiree Ksenia Shuleyko, 65, was handing out pieces of home-made Easter raisin cake, traditionally served for Orthodox Easter. Speaking from a red tent, decorated with a red hammer-and-sickle Soviet Union flag, Shuleyko expressed hope that Russia, which annexed Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula last month, would also wield influence in the Donetsk region near the border with Russia, known as the Donbass.

"We believe in Russia. It helped Crimea, it will also help the Donbass," Shuleyko said. "God will help those who believe and we do believe." Moments later, she performed a patriotic Soviet-era song together with other demonstrators and could not contain tears.

The Easter preparations and fortification efforts come two days after top diplomats from Ukraine, Russia, the United States and the European Union issued a statement calling for an array of actions including the disarming of militant groups and the freeing of public buildings taken over by insurgents.

Those terms quickly became a heated issue as pro-Russian armed groups that have seized police stations and other government buildings in eastern Ukraine said they wouldn't vacate unless the country's acting government resigned. At the same time, Pushilin told Russia's RIA-Novosti news agency, that his group could take part in a nation-wide roundtable on easing the crisis, which has been proposed by Yulia Tymoshenko, a former prime minister and candidate in the May 25 presidential election.

The insurgents say the Kiev authorities, who took power after pro-Russia Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovych was ousted in February following months of protests, aim to suppress the country's Russian-speakers. Eastern Ukraine, which was Yanukovych's support base, and has a substantial Russian-speaking population.

The new government insists it is legitimate and has no plans to resign, having been formed after Yanukovych fled Ukraine and approved by some members of his party. While Russia continues to criticize the new government, it has engaged in direct talks with it. The new government says it is working on constitutional reforms, which will give eastern regions a greater voice in self-governance.

Ukraine's turmoil has sparked the most severe East-West tensions since the Cold War. Washington and the EU imposed sanctions on Russia after it annexed the Ukrainian region of Crimea last month following a referendum that overwhelmingly approved Crimean secession. Russia has positioned troops in regions bordering Ukraine and critics say Moscow is encouraging unrest in eastern Ukraine and seeking a pretext for a military incursion.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk expressed fear that Russian President Vladimir Putin was seeking to restore Moscow's previous geopolitical and territorial might.

"President Putin has a dream to restore the Soviet Union. And every day, he goes further and further. And God knows where is the final destination," Yatsenyuk told NBC's "Meet the Press" in excerpts released Saturday. The full interview will air Sunday.

Russia's Foreign Ministry said in a statement Saturday that deputy minister Grigory Karasin met with Oleg Tsaryov, a pro-Russia candidate in the Ukrainian presidential election that is to take place on May 25.

"The Russian side noted that the questions of resolving the internal political crisis should be decided by Ukrainians themselves in close cooperation with a special monitoring mission" of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, said a statement summarizing the meeting. "Russia is prepared to show the most wide support in this."

The statement did not specify what that support would be, and it was not clear what it can do or would be willing to do. Russia denies claims that it has agents in eastern Ukraine directing or encouraging the insurgents.

Holy fire ceremony draws thousands in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (AP)—The dark hall inside Christianity's holiest shrine was illuminated with the flames from thousands of candles on Saturday as worshippers participated in the holy fire ceremony, a momentous spiritual event in Orthodox Easter rites.

Christians believe Jesus was crucified, buried and resurrected at the site where the Church of the Holy Sepulcher now stands in the Old City of Jerusalem. While the source of the holy fire is a closely guarded secret, believers say the flame appears spontaneously from his tomb on the day before Easter to show Jesus has not forgotten his followers.

The ritual dates back at least 1,200 years.

Thousands of Christians waited outside the church for it to open Saturday morning. Custody of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher is shared by a number of denominations that jealously guard their responsibilities under a fragile network of agreements hammered out over the last millennia. In accordance with tradition, the church's doors were unlocked by a member of a Muslim family, who for centuries has been the keeper of the ancient key that is passed on within the family from generation to generation.

Once inside, clergymen from the various Orthodox denominations in robes and hoods jostled for space with local worshippers and pilgrims from around the world.

Top Orthodox clergymen descended into the small chamber marking the site of Jesus' tomb as worshippers eagerly waited in the dim church clutching bundles of unlit candles and torches.

After a while, candles emerged lit with "holy fire"—said to have been lit by a miracle as a message to the faithful from heaven.

Bells rang as worshippers rushed to use the flames to ignite their own candles.

In mere seconds, the bursts of light spread throughout the cavernous church as flames jumped from one candle to another. Clouds of smoke wafted through the crammed hall as flashes from cameras and mobile phones documented what is for many, the spiritual event of a lifetime.

Some held light from the "holy fire" to their faces to bask in the glow while others dripped wax on their bodies.Israeli police spokeswoman Luba Samri said tens of thousands of worshippers participated in the ceremony.

Many couldn't fit inside the church and the narrow winding streets of the Old City were lined with pilgrims.

The "holy fire" was passed among worshippers outside the Church and then taken to the Church of the Nativity in the West Bank town of Bethlehem, where tradition holds Jesus was born, and from there to other Christian communities in Israel and the West Bank.

Later it is taken aboard special flights to Athens and other cities, linking many of the 200 million Orthodox worldwide.

Pope seeks to bring faith to the 'ends of the Earth'

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Francis baptized 10 people Saturday and urged them to bring their faith "to the ends of the Earth" as he presided over an Easter Vigil in St. Peter's Basilica.

The vigil is among the Vatican's most solemn services. Francis entered the darkened basilica with a lone candle, which he then shared with others to slowly illuminate the church. The symbolic service commemorates the darkness of the faithful over the crucifixion of Jesus Christ on Good Friday and their joy and light at his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Francis urged the priests, bishops, cardinals and ordinary Catholics gathered for the late night service to remember when they first found their faith. "Do I remember it? Have I forgotten it? Look for it. You'll find it. The Lord is waiting."

Trying to remember isn't an act of nostalgia but rather a way to bring the "fire" of faith "to all people, to the very ends of the Earth," he said.

After his homily, Francis proceeded to baptize each of the 10, starting with Italian brothers Giorgio and Jacopo Capezzuoli, aged 8 and 10. "Do you want to be baptized?" he asked each one as he smiled.

He asked the same of the adult converts, who hailed from Vietnam, Belarus, Senegal, Lebanon, Italy and France.

It was the second late night for Francis after the long Good Friday Way of the Cross procession at Rome's Colosseum. Francis, 77, will get a few hours of rest before celebrating Easter Sunday Mass in the flower-strewn St. Peter's Square.

He then has a week to prepare for the other major celebration of this year's Easter season: the April 27 canonizations of Pope John XXIII and John Paul II. Hundreds of thousands of people are expected to attend.

Health & Fitness

Salmonella decline seen in food poisoning report

By MIKE STOBBE
AP MEDICAL WRITER

NEW YORK (AP)—The government's latest report card on food poisoning shows a dip in salmonella cases but an increase in illnesses from bacteria in raw shellfish. The report counts cases in only 10 states for some of the most common causes of foodborne illness, but is believed to be a good indicator of national food poisoning trends. Highlights from Thursday's report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

WHAT'S MAKING US SICK?
Salmonella remains at the top of the chart, far ahead of most other foodborne germs. Only campylobacter (camp-ee-loh-bak-tur)—a bacteria commonly linked to raw milk and poultry—comes close. Other causes, listeria, shigella (shih-GEHL'-uh) and E. coli, trail behind.

IS FOOD POISONING GETTING WORSE?
Overall, no. Last year, there were no significant changes in most kinds of food poisoning, compared to the previous three years. The new report tallied about 20,000 illnesses and 80 deaths in the 10 states, similar to previous years. The CDC estimates that 1 in 6 Americans get sick from contaminated food each year, though most cases are not reported.

AP

In this Monday, Sept. 12, 2013 file photo, an oyster cultivator holds oyster seed before spreading it into the waters of Duxbury Bay in Duxbury, Mass.

ANY GOOD NEWS?
Yes, for salmonella. The rate of new cases dropped 9 percent—the biggest drop in about a decade. But officials are cautious about making too much of it, since it was compared to a time period that included a big outbreak linked to eggs in 2010. Last year's rate is similar to what it was about five years ago. CDC officials hope new regulatory proposals, like one to prevent salmonella in chicken parts, will keep pushing rates down.

WHAT ABOUT BAD NEWS?
There was in increase in infections from vibrio (VIB'-ree-oh) bacteria found in raw shellfish, like oysters. Last year, cases were up 32 percent from the previous three years and 75 percent from about five years ago. But the numbers remain very small—only 242 of the 20,000 illnesses recorded in the 10 states. Climate change is warming coastal waters in some places, and that may be helping spread some vibrio strains to new locations, said Dr. Robert Tauxe, a CDC food-germ expert. "The warmer the water, the more vibrio," he said. A strain traditionally found in the Pacific Northwest, is now showing up along the East Coast. Tauxe said it might have been spread through water in ships' ballast tanks.

CAN YOU PREVENT FOOD POISONING?
Carefully wash and clean food, and cook meat, poultry and eggs thoroughly. Avoid raw milk and unpasteurized juices. Promptly refrigerate leftovers. A government report last year showed leafy greens like lettuce and spinach were the leading source of food poisoning, and produce in general accounted for nearly half of all illnesses. There were slightly more deaths attributed to poultry than to vegetables in the decade studied.

No surprise: Rice helps healthy diet

By DEBBIE ARRINGTON
THE SACRAMENTO BEE

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—A new study confirmed what billions of people know: Rice goes a long way in a healthy diet.

Americans who consumed rice regularly tended to have healthier diets overall, according to new research.

In a study published online in the peer-reviewed journal *Food and Nutrition Sciences*, lead author Theresa Nicklas of Baylor College of Medicine analyzed seven years of data collected in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. The sample included 14,386 adults and what they ate from 2005 to 2010. Nicklas and her team evaluated the association of rice consumption with overall diet quality and key nutrient intakes.

What they found: Consumers who ate more rice tended to get more nutrients while eating less fat and added sugar. They also tended to eat more fruit and vegetables.

"Our results show that adults who eat rice had diets more consistent with what is recommended in the U.S. Dietary Guidelines, and they showed higher amounts of potassium, magnesium, iron, folate and fiber while eating less saturated fat and added sugars," Nicklas said. "Eating rice is also associated with eating more servings of fruit, vegetables, meat and beans."

On average, Americans eat about 27 pounds of rice a year. Of that, about 70 percent is enriched white rice.

Most of that rice was grown in the USA; American farmers grow an estimated 20 billion pounds of rice a year, according to the USA Rice Federation.

California, the No. 2 rice-growing state, annually accounts for about 4.5 billion pounds, mostly short-grained rice. Virtually every piece of sushi made in the U.S. contains California-grown rice.

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These strength exercises, done after swimming, can reduce shoulder pain both for competitive and casual swimmers.
• If you are injured, consult your doctor first
Shoulder blade lift
Arm 30° forward
Thumb upward
2 lb. (500 g) weight or less
Slowly lift to shoulder height, then lower
Repeat until you cannot lift again
Keep elbow straight
Rest; repeat twice more
Push-ups plus
Push until arms straighten, then round back upward
Repeat until you cannot continue
Rest; repeat twice more
Tighten abdominals
Seated press-up
Sit with knees and back straight
Push until elbows straighten; hold for 2 seconds, then lower
Rest; repeat twice more
Source: The Physician and Sportsmedicine
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Study: Diabetic heart attacks and strokes falling

NEW YORK (AP)—In the midst of the diabetes epidemic, a glimmer of good news: Heart attacks, strokes and other complications from the disease are plummeting.

Over the last two decades, the rates of heart attacks and strokes among diabetics fell by more than 60 percent, a new federal study shows. The research also confirms earlier reports of drastic declines in diabetes-related kidney failure and amputations.

The drop is mainly attributed to better screening, medicines and care. The improvements came even as the number of U.S. adults with diabetes more than tripled in those 20 years.

"It is great news," said Dr. John Buse, a University of North Carolina diabetes specialist, of the drop in rates.

"The prognosis for folks with diabetes has improved dramatically over the last two decades, at least for those with good access to care," Buse said in an email. He was not involved in the study.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention research is reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Diabetes is a disease in which sugar builds up in the blood. The most common form is tied to obesity, and the number of diabetics has ballooned with the rise in obesity. Today, roughly 1 in 10 U.S. adults has the disease, and it is the nation's seventh leading cause of death, according to the CDC.

The obese are already at higher risk for heart attacks and strokes. But diabetics seem to have more narrowing of their blood vessels—a condition that can further foster those problems.

In the 1990s, key studies showed that diabetics could keep their blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol under control. The research suggested that vision and heart problems, leg and foot amputations and other diabetes complications were not necessarily inevitable.

Meanwhile, insurance programs expanded coverage of blood sugar monitors and diabetes treatment. Gradually, larger numbers of diabetics were diagnosed earlier and with milder disease.

For the new study, the CDC tallied complication rates from 1990 to 2010 for diabetics ages 20 or older.

During that time, the heart attack rate fell 68 percent, from 141 to 45.5 per 10,000 diabetics, according to hospital records.

The decline was so great that, despite the growing ranks of diabetics, the actual number hospitalized with heart attacks dropped from more than 140,000 to about 136,000.

The stroke rate fell less dramatically—but still declined by more than half, finishing at 53 per 10,000. The heart attack and stroke rates for diabetics are essentially even now, lead author Edward Gregg noted.

The researchers saw declines in hearts attack and stroke rates for non-diabetics as well, but those improvements weren't nearly as big as they were for diabetics.

Amputation rates also fell by more than half. However, like strokes, the actual number increased over the two decades.

The growth in the number of diabetics "wiped out most of the gains" from the declining rates, so the number who ended up in the hospital for strokes or amputations swelled, said Dr. Robert Gabbay, of Boston's Joslin Diabetes Center.

Life & Style

A monthlong celebration of poetry

April is National Poetry Month, a monthlong, national celebration of poetry established by the Academy of American Poets as a way to increase awareness and appreciation of poetry in the United States. To mark the occasion, Tinian English teacher Joseph Connolly and an anonymous contributor submitted the following poems for publication:

Fun with food: Scrumptious Sonnets

By JOSEPH B. CONNOLLY
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

When I heard of the demise of Hostess Twinkies I thought, "Oh no!" There goes another edible icon of my childhood. When we went to see my Aunt Margaret in Philadelphia, us five brothers and sisters couldn't wait to buy some Tandy Takes—two small cream filled cupcakes on a cardboard tray. I've heard Twinkies are coming back, though, along with a chocolate drink called Yoohoo. Next I want Fudgcicles and Creamsicles—creamy frozen confections—to make a reappearance. *The Demise of French Fried Cutie Pies* will have to do 'til then.

Diners At the Big Miss Steak Cafe is about a small restaurant in a time warp where notorious couples drop by for a bite to eat. The menu is global and eclectic in its contents. A few diners readers may not recognize in the café are: Jean Anthelme Brillat-Savarin, who wrote the consummate book on eating; Federico Fellini, a famous 20th century Italian film director (think *La Strada* and *La Dolce Vita*); Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas hosted the expatriate literary scene in Paris (F. Scott Fitzgerald, Samuel Beckett, and Ernest Hemingway, among others). Among other edible items included in their literary salon along with tea were marijuana brownies.

The sonnet *What's for Dessert?* provides the stock answer my father actually gave us kids at the dinner table about dessert when we asked for dessert and there was none to be had. We had (PB&J) peanut butter and jelly sandwiches almost every day for school lunch for years. They were always made with Welch's grape jelly, white Pullman loaf bread, wrapped in wax paper, and placed inside a brown paper lunch bag. No cafeteria at our elementary schools. So a sonnet with fond affection for them, *On Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches*. Last but not least, *The Cleanest Cockroach in the World* meets its demise in our kitchen.

THE DEMISE of FRENCH FRIED CUTIE PIES

Bully for bakers, bakeries and fried cream filled pies
For the delight of putting them in our mouth to swallow
For sugared donuts baked, fried and filled to the brim
With different fillings, jellies, flavors, shapes and size
Liquids, hot coffee, tea, iced lemonade to follow
Lingering sights and smells after the day grows dim
Comfort foods continue from meringues to muffins
Sweet potato curly fries and WallaWalla onion rings
Gourmet chips, garlic dips and corn dogs to stuff in
Clogging up those veins for a massive heart attack
What did you expect after eating al those things?
As the gluttonous curtain closes and fades to black
Think Moon Pie mortality and Grim Reaper song
As those rolls of fat appear before not too long

DINERS AT the BIG MISS STEAK CAFE'

Antony and Cleopatra -
He suggested trying the Italian ices
She ordered cheetah and lion liver slices
They fed on each others vices

Mr. and Mrs. Hannibal -
She had the alpine appetizer
He drank an elephantine energizer
They fought tooth, molar, and incisor

Pres. Dwight D. and Mamie Eisenhower -
She got White House waffles and drank a lemon lime
He had silver dollar pancakes thin as an Eisenhowere dime
Together they talked about the covers of Time

President U.S. Grant and First Lady Grant -
He said give me any beef steak that hollers
She said that might cost us fifty U.S. dollars
They suffered the heat in horse hair collars

Emperor and Empress Genghis Khan -
She said horse and yak cheese on rye
He had Mongolian stir fry
For dessert they shared a barn swallow pie

Monsieur et Madame Brillat-Savarin -
She poured a pot of chamomile tea
He uncorked a bottle of chablis
They snacked on camembert and brie

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Meyer -
She toiled over creamy egg custard
He boiled hot dogs with mustard
They fed on what you just heard

Medusa and the Abominable Snowman -
She wanted ratatouille and rattlesnakes
He had corn, fish, and snowflakes
They consumed carotid artery cakes

The Minotaur and the Yeti -
'It' said whatever is under the rock
the 'other' said any lamb or beef stock
They fed on a Canadian geese flock

Dr. and Mrs. Sigmund Freud -
She ordered pretzel sticks and ice cream
He dished up a daylight dream
As they viewed Edvard Munch's 'SCREAM'

Director and Mama Federico Fellini -
She had spinach and fromaggio rigatoni
He gobbled prosciutto and canneloni
Later on lambrusco, biscotti, and spumoni

Stephen Hawking dined alone -
He grilled time over cosmic coals
And baked the Milky Way in a galactic oven
Filled with black holes

Albert Einstein and E=MC2 shared -
A spatial soup of solar storm storks
A sequence of Fibonacci forks
And roasted quail, quirks, and quarks

Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas
Countless cups of tempestuous tea
Radish and rose petal salads times three
Fresh French breads and bellwether poetry

Guiseppi Canoli and Miss Muffelata -
Ensalada di Alessandro Scarlatti
Curds and whey ala Gian Carlo Menotti
Angel hair pasta di Cecilia Bartolli

WHAT'S FOR DESSERT ?

"What's for dessert?" I heard my brother ask
On his third cup of coffee, Daddy said,
"You kids get to work, I'll give you a task.
Be grateful we've got milk, butter and bread."
We were dreaming of chocolate chip cookies,
Seven layer Black Forest cherry cake,
Butterscotch ice cream, lemon sherbert freeze,
Or a thick chocolate malted milk shake;
Banana pudding, apple rhubarb pies,
Walnut fudge brownies enormous in size,
Orange Jell-O, fruit salad, nuts in a cup...
Dad continued, "As soon as you're able
I want you and your brother to get up,
Clear the dishes and desert the table."

ON PEANUT BUTTER and JELLY SANDWICHES

Synchronicity found in this sandwich,
Where seemingly disparate food fillings lie
Side by side like slime on mud in a ditch
Between slices of bread as if in a pie

The peanut butter, creamy or crunchy
If applied when there is heat in the bread
Makes the sandwich so melting good munchy
Lets the jam or jelly easily spread

In synch they are all terrific tasty creations
These jams, preserves, marmalades, and jellies:
Grape, plum, cherry, or berry combinations,
Some made at home with pectin and spices,
Add peanut butter and two bread slices,
To put these lunch time treats in your bellies.

THE CLEANEST COCKROACH in the WORLD

the cleanest cockroach in the world
emerged from my kitchen sink today
crawling out with its antennae curled
and a pine soap scented bouquet

I speared it with a toothpick
poked through its thorax I guess
pitched it into the garbage with a flick
down with the rest of the kitchen mess

it died quickly and it died clean
but left many of its cousins behind
they grow so fast it's almost obscene
on breadcrumbs and watermelon rind

that roach was as big as my thumb
wouldn't fit in any roach trap hotels
its clever cousins are not so dumb
falling under no magic formula spells

So Mr. Clean cockroach is dead and gone
my old stainless steel sink now shines
and on some insect's heavenly lawn
a fine smelling cockroach now dines

Pains of Paradise

By A PACIFIC ISLANDER

As I look out across the glimmering blue sea
My heart is heavy with worry of what might come to be
As the ocean with its continuous tides and flow
My mind thinks back to a time when life was good it made me hopeful
As the low tide comes as sure as can be
My soul searches and yearns for my conscience to be clear and free
As the high tide will also return eventually
My dream lives on to live a life with more moments of peace and tranquility

Exhibit recreates Warhol's 1964 World's Fair mural

NEW YORK (AP)—Even for a 1964 New York World's Fair that celebrated "The World of Tomorrow," Andy Warhol may have been ahead of his time.

His monumental piece commissioned specifically for the fair—a mural depicting mug shots of the New York Police Department's 13 most-wanted criminals—was deemed too edgy for the family friendly event and was painted over just before opening day.

Now, 50 years later, the work is the focus of a museum exhibition being staged on the very fairgrounds where the pop-art provocateur was censored.

"There's no question Warhol was not interested in the notion of a family friendly fair," said Larissa Harris, the exhibition's curator. "It's possible that he understood the concept very clearly, but he did this absolutely intentionally."

The exhibition, "13 Most Wanted Men: Andy Warhol and the 1964 World's Fair," opens April 27 at the Queens Museum in Flushing Meadows Corona Park. It includes never-before-shown archival documents and materials, including the artist's letter agreeing to the paint-over and the NYPD mug shot booklet.

AP

This April 1964 photo provided by The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, Inc. shows a 20x20 foot mural depicting mug shots of the NYPD's 13 most-wanted criminals by Andy Warhol, mounted on the curved facade of the New York State Pavilion at the 1964 New York World's Fair in the Queens borough of New York.

Warhol was one of 10 artists commissioned by famed architect Philip Johnson to create 20-foot-by-20-foot artworks for the outside of the New York State Pavilion's Circarama theater.

Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, who was seeking the Republican presidential nomination at the time, gave the order to paint over Warhol's mural. The stated reason, according to Johnson and others, was because seven of the 13 criminals were Italians and he didn't want to risk alienating his Italian constituencies, Harris said.

"It does seem like an incredibly bold step," said Nicholas Chambers, a curator at The Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh, which is collaborating on the exhibition. "In retrospect, it seems that was the only possible outcome—that it had to be censored."

According to his autobiography, Warhol believed the work was whitewashed "because of some political thing I never understood."

Warhol offered another work as a replacement—25 identical portraits arranged in a grid of the fair's controversial head Robert Moses—but it was rejected by Johnson as inappropriate.

Warhol never made another public work.

The documents show that Warhol agreed to have the mug shot mural painted over in silver. (He was already producing paintings that had large silver blank panels.) Removing it wasn't an option because it would have ruined Johnson's vision for the building's exterior that called for a combination of black-and-white and colored pieces.

Fox executive fired over Flight 370 charity email

NEW YORK (AP)—A veteran Fox executive who used her company email account to plan aid for loved ones of the missing Malaysian airplane's passengers has been fired.

Darlene Tipton, who was vice president of standards and practices for the Fox Cable Networks Group, said Saturday she had wanted to arrange swift financial aid to families and other loved ones, sparing them lengthy court fights. She said she began by emailing Sarah Bajc, an American whose boyfriend, Philip Wood, was a passenger on Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 and who has made frequent TV appearances since the plane's March 8 disappearance.

Fox spokesman Scott Grogin said Tipton's "conduct and communications" violated company policy. Citing privacy concerns, he declined to discuss particulars, but he said, "As soon as we became aware, we took appropriate steps." He confirmed that Tipton has left the company.

Tipton was with Fox for a quarter-century before her April 9 dismissal. She said she plans to continue with her initiative, soliciting contributions through the crowdfunding website GoFundMe.

"We want to raise money for families, to give them immediate relief," Tipton said during a phone interview from her Los Angeles home. "Otherwise, they could be in court for years."

A condition of accepting the money she hopes to raise: Recipients must waive the right to seek legal remedy.

"If they're getting money through contributions," she said, "it isn't right for them to seek money through legal channels, too."

But she plans to sue Fox for wrongful termination, said her husband, Ken Tipton, a writer and producer.

He said the idea for the fundraising effort stemmed from his Los Angeles hospital stay last month, shortly after the plane disappeared. He said that while he was under medication he had hallucinations of being with the plane's passengers and the power of his visions spurred him and his wife to try to help.

"She wanted to do it because it could be done," he said. "So why not try?"

The investigation into what happened to Flight 370, a Boeing 777 that was en route from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing with 239 people on board, continued Saturday with searches of a patch of the Indian Ocean seabed.

Tipton's firing was first reported by Christine Negroni in her blog Flying Lessons.

Cyrus ill, postpones US tour, resumes in August

NEW YORK (AP)—Miley Cyrus is postponing her U.S. tour while she recovers from an allergic reaction to antibiotics, but will resume her performances in August.

Cyrus' representative tells The Associated Press on Friday that the singer will resume the U.S. tour Aug. 1 in Uniondale, N.Y. The new dates will include seven rescheduled shows and two additional stops.

The European leg of the tour is still scheduled to kick off May 2 in Amsterdam.

Cyrus' rep says the singer suffered from a sinus infection last week during her "Bangerz" tour and had "an extreme allergic reaction" to the antibiotic cephalexin on Tuesday. Cyrus canceled several shows this week as a result.

Existing tickets for the 21-year-old singer's U.S. tour will be honored at the new date.

AP

In this Saturday, April 5, 2014 file photo, singer Miley Cyrus performs at the Barclays Center in New York.

Mrs. Obama to appear on May episode of 'Nashville'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Michelle Obama is going a little bit country.

The first lady's office says she'll appear on the May 7 episode of the ABC country music drama "Nashville."

The episode is titled "All Or Nothing With Me" and is set at Fort Campbell.

Mrs. Obama and the wife of Vice President Joe Biden, Jill Biden, are scheduled to the visit Army base in Kentucky on Wednesday to address a jobs summit and career forum for service members, veterans and their spouses. The appearance is for the third anniversary of their nationwide initiative to support military families, called Joining Forces.

The first lady's appearance on "Nashville," by video, is also for Joining Forces.

Mrs. Obama is already set to appear on Thursday's season finale of the NBC hit "Parks and Recreation."

Aging mom who wants to die may find relief from doctor

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My 83-year-old mother has decided she wants to die. She says she's miserable, but I think she's causing her own misery. She has medications to address her physical ailments—none of which are critical. My siblings live in other states. Mom feels it's a "burden" for them to travel to see her, and she refuses to travel.

Mom is in assisted living and is now refusing to bathe, trying not to eat, and doesn't want to talk to anyone or have visitors. She's obviously depressed, but refuses counseling. If she continues being uncooperative, I'm afraid she'll have to go to a nursing home where they might let her starve herself to death.

One sister says I should force Mom to do fun things, but I don't know what she wants. We used to go out to eat, but she no longer wants to do that. I have tried to honor Mom's wishes, but I'm at a loss about what to do for her. Do you have any suggestions?

ALMOST AT WITS' END

DEAR ALMOST: I have one. You and your siblings should have your mother evaluated by a geriatrician IMMEDIATELY. It's apparent that she is depressed, but the question is whether she also has something physically wrong with her that is affecting her mental state. Then let the doctor be your guide.

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DEAR ABBY: I dated my ex for six years, but we broke up recently. The problem is, we signed a lease on our apartment that won't be up until next year. He still lives here, and I don't have the heart to kick him out. Financially, our living together makes sense, and I'd rather live with him than with a stranger.

Abby, this living arrangement has made it tough to get over him. Our breakup was amicable—somewhat—and we remain civil to each other. I have no desire to get back together with him. I just find it hard because I'm not sure how to survive this weird situation I'm in. Is it a good idea to keep living together?

REMAINING CIVIL IN CANADA

DEAR REMAINING CIVIL: It depends upon how high your tolerance is for pain. If seeing your ex with others hurts to the extent that you shed tears on your pillow, or obsess about who he's with and where he's going, then it's not a good idea. However, if the situation can't be changed, then it's important that you fill your time with activities and opportunities that allow you to meet new people and make new friends.

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DEAR ABBY: My new husband's family informed him they were coming to visit us for seven to 10 days. This was eight relatives, and I was not asked whether this was convenient or not. They were so noisy that our neighbors finally asked, "When are they leaving?"

How can I prevent this from happening again in the future without offending anyone? My husband said after they had left, "You don't handle chaos and confusion well, do you?"

NEEDS TO BE CONSULTED IN GEORGIA

DEAR NEEDS TO BE CONSULTED: Revisit the question your husband asked you. And when you do, tell him the answer is not only do you NOT handle chaos, confusion and eight surprise houseguests well, neither do your neighbors. Then set some boundaries for the next time they say they are coming. His first response should always be, "I'll check with my wife to see if it's convenient."

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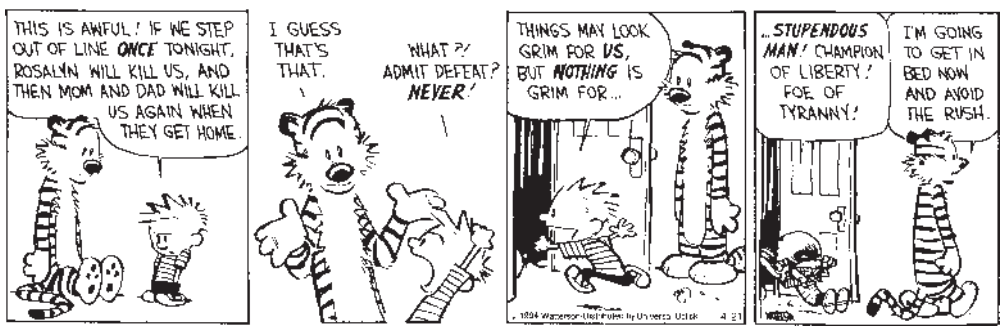
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


THIS IS AWFUL! IF WE STEP OUT OF LINE ONCE TONIGHT, ROSALYN WILL KILL US, AND THEN MOM AND DAD WILL KILL US AGAIN WHEN THEY GET HOME.
I GUESS THAT'S THAT.
WHAT?! ADMIT DEFEAT? NEVER!
THINGS MAY LOOK GRIM FOR US, BUT NOTHING IS GRIM FOR...
...STUPENDOUS MAN! CHAMPION OF LIBERTY! FOE OF TYRANNY!
I'M GOING TO GET IN BED NOW AND AVOID THE RUSH.

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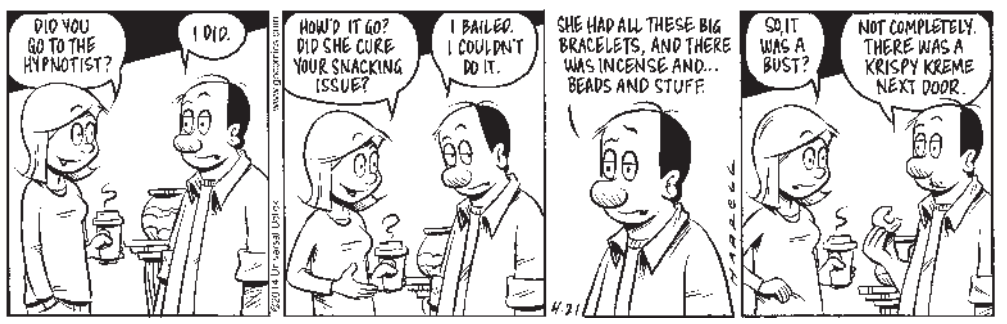
DID YOU GO TO THE HYPNOTIST?
I DID.
HOW'D IT GO? DID SHE CURE YOUR SNACKING ISSUE?
I BAILED. I COULDN'T DO IT.
SHE HAD ALL THESE BIG BRACELETS, AND THERE WAS INCENSE AND... BEADS AND STUFF.
SO, IT WAS A BUST?
NOT COMPLETELY. THERE WAS A KRISPY KREME NEXT DOOR.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

WOW! OUR TEAM STINKS!
YEAH. I THINK THIS IS GOING TO BE A LONG SEASON.
ESPECIALLY IF THE CATCHER KEEPS GOING OUT TO THE MOUND TO GIVE THE PITCHER A HIGH FIVE WHEN HE THROWS A STRIKE!

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Massachusetts cape
4 Toast spread
7 Cattle-drive item
11 "I don't give —!"
13 Parisian pal
14 Part of "SNL"
15 Prefix meaning "half"
16 Marshland
17 First person?
18 November birthstone
20 Light horse-drawn carriage
22 Ph. bk. info
24 Camera stand, often
28 Shoulder-borne launcher
32 Cobra, e.g.
33 Satanic
34 Yang counterpart
36 Smooth-talking
37 Fork features
39 Acts the dilettante
41 "— Fideles"
43 Lad
44 Harmonization, for short
46 Hickory nut
50 Martial art
53 Trot
55 Emanation
56 Somalian supermodel
57 Individual
58 Roger of "Cheers"
59 Baseball's "Say Hey Kid"
60 Still
61 Doo follower

DOWN
1 Group of actors
2 Sandwich cookie
3 Moist
4 Poke
5 Andy's friend
6 Strength
7 Not using sheet music
8 Disencumber
9 Eggs
10 Rep. opponent
12 They may involve a metronome
19 Menagerie
21 "— Poetica"
23 Firmament
25 Become wearisome
26 "Grapes of Wrath" type
27 Newcomers to society
28 Alpha follower
29 Enthusiastic
30 Online mag
31 Help
35 Apprehend
38 Pigpen
40 Jazz style
42 Like
45 Scoop holder
47 Prompted
48 Neighborhood
49 Doggerelist Ogden
50 Dandy fellow?
51 Actress Thurman
52 Rotation duration
54 Obtain

Solution time: 27 mins.

A	L	B	U	M	■	B	I	B	■	R	A	I
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M	E	L	■	T	A	R	■	S	E	X	E	S
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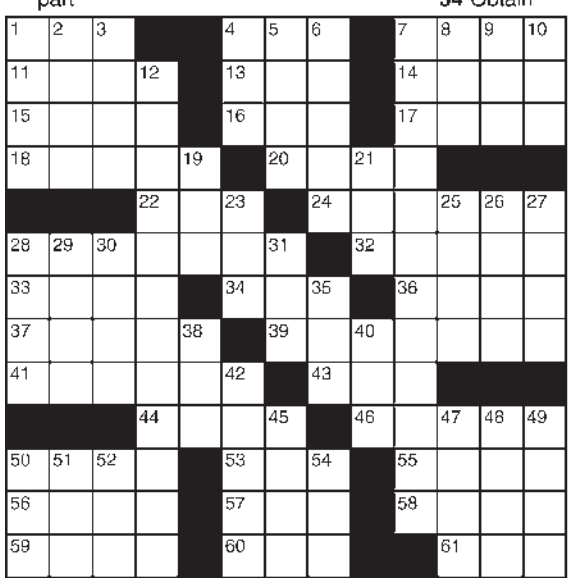
Friday's answer 4-11



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Tony Romo, 34; Rob Riggle, 44; Andie MacDowell, 56; Iggy Pop, 67

Happy Birthday: Hard work will be required if you want to get ahead this year. Problems with friends, relatives and peers will prevail if you aren't diplomatic. Keeping a low profile and making sure you stick to the rules, directions and regulations will ensure that you bypass setbacks. Protect and stabilize your personal life, relationships and your domestic environment. Your numbers are 6, 13, 23, 26, 33, 38, 41.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Don't get emotional about work-related matters. Be professional and do the best you can. Invest in your skills, knowledge and expertise, but not in risky fast-cash joint ventures. Build a strong relationship, make a commitment and improve your living arrangement. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Go over every detail before you share your findings with someone in a position of power. Take a moment to rejuvenate and re-evaluate. Making an impulsive decision or move will leave you scrambling. Time is on your side. Slow down. ✪✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Avoid letting temptation get to you in either your personal or financial life. An impulsive move will lead to regret and backtracking. Focus on personal improvements that will benefit you mentally and physically, as well as result in positive feedback. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Focus on the positive. Keep things in perspective. Use your energy and your emotions to keep the peace. Make love, offer affection and be attentive. Think before you speak and you'll avoid an incident that can result in mood swings and hurt feelings. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Take charge and take the initiative to make things happen. The changes you bring about may not be readily accepted, but once you have everything up and running, you will gain respect and support. Make home improvements to add to your comfort. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Networking events will be more entertaining and exciting than anticipated. The people you encounter will interest you personally and professionally. Share your thoughts, concerns and intentions, but don't exaggerate. Love is in the stars, and romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Don't push your luck when dealing with the people you see on a daily basis. Keep your thoughts to yourself and bide your time. Don't make an impulsive, emotional move that could result in financial loss. Accept change, but don't initiate it. ✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): You will pick up valuable information. Make creative changes at home that will make your life easier and enhance personal relationships. Doors will open if you talk to experts. Your ideas will attract interest and worthwhile suggestions. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Refrain from getting into a debate with someone who can influence your reputation or position. You can make changes at home as long as you don't go over budget. Avoid spending on luxury items. Cut out the middleman by doing your own work. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Confusion will set in if you share your thoughts. You are best to do your research and formulate a plan or strategy that is failsafe before presenting your case. Someone older or more experienced will take a personal interest in you. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Look over your personal paperwork. Get your finances in order. You have more leeway than you think if you make a couple of adjustments. Invest in your skills and ideas and you will find a way to cut corners. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Feeling taken for granted is likely if you aren't willing to say no. Put more time and effort into your goals instead of helping someone else get ahead. Love is on the rise, but motives may be questionable. ✪✪✪✪

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

	3	8	1	6	4	9	5	
	7	9				1	3	
		1	2		8	4		
4				1				5
		5	7		3	8		
	9	6				2	1	
	1	7	5	9	2	3	4	

Difficulty Level ★ 4/21

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

1	5	8	3	9	6	7	2	4
7	4	3	2	8	5	9	6	1
2	9	6	4	1	7	8	3	5
5	8	7	9	6	2	1	4	3
4	6	2	7	3	1	5	9	8
9	3	1	5	4	8	2	7	6
8	7	4	6	5	9	3	1	2
3	2	5	1	7	4	6	8	9
6	1	9	8	2	3	4	5	7

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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By DAVID OUELLET

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O	F	N	T	S	I	L	D	I	A	L	P	R	U	Y
D	L	L	O	A	T	H	K	T	S	I	E	R	D	L
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T	U	A	S	D	Y	P	R	I	N	C	E	S	S	E
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Hawks take 1-0 lead by rolling past Pacers, 101-93

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Atlanta's Jeff Teague demolished the Pacers' grand playoff plan.

As his teammates set up around the 3-point line, Teague simply blew through open lanes to the basket repeatedly.

The Pacers didn't have an answer.

Teague scored a playoff career-high 28 points, Paul Millsap added 25 and the eighth-seeded Hawks won their first road playoff game in three years, shocking top-seeded Indiana 101-93 to take a 1-0 lead in the first-round series.

"I just wanted to win," the Indianapolis native said after beating his hometown team.

Perhaps that's why Teague finally cracked a hesitant smile in the locker room before stepping to the podium.

Or it could be that Teague remembers the frustration Indiana caused when it clinched last year's 4-2 first-round win on Atlanta's home court. As one of the few remaining links to that team, Teague wasn't about to let something like that happen again.

This time, surrounded by a mostly new group of 3-point shooters, a first-year coach and a game plan that the Pacers never adapted to, Teague kept getting to basket.

He wound up 9 of 19 from the field and 9 of 10 from the free-throw line with five assists and three rebounds on a night the Hawks snapped an eight-game road losing streak in the playoffs and became the first team to beat Indiana on its home court twice this season.

Atlanta won its first road playoff game since Game 1 of the 2011 Eastern Conference semifinals at Chicago, and they'll have a chance to do it all again Tuesday in Game 2 before the best-of-seven series movies to Atlanta, where the Pacers have won only two times since December 2006.

"I think getting off to such a good start against such a good team is important," coach Mike Budenholzer said after his fifth win in six games. "It's really not something we talked about. They're the No. 1 seed for a reason."

Meanwhile, the Pacers' stunning struggles showed no sign of abating.

Indiana was just 5 of 19 from the field in the decisive third quarter and shot just 35.6 percent in the second half, a 24-minute span in which it spent most of the time trying to dig out of a double-digit hole.

Paul George had 24 points, 10 rebounds and five assists, while Lance Stephenson finished with 19 points and seven rebounds and George Hill added 12 points.

But the Hawks' ability to spread the floor essentially nullified All-Star center Roy Hibbert, who had eight points and eight rebounds, and David West, who had eight points and three rebounds.

And Indiana wasted no time in giving back the home-court advantage it spent the entire season chasing.

"It's frustrating. It's frustrating, but it's a long series," George said before explaining he believes the Pacers can regain the upper hand—if they figure out how to defend better. "It's just one game and that's the way we have to look at it."

That won't be easy against this team.

Atlanta set a franchise playoff record with 30 3-point attempts and matched the franchise's second-highest playoff total for 3-pointers made (11). Both were set May 10, 1996, when the Hawks were 12 of 27 on 3s in a 26-point loss to Orlando.

"I thought our ball movement was great," Kyle Korver said after scoring 12 points. "That's one of the things we've tried to play to all year and tonight it kind of worked out."

They made it look easy, too.

Korver's buzzer-beating putback, following an Indiana turnover in the closing seconds of the first half, tied the score at 50.

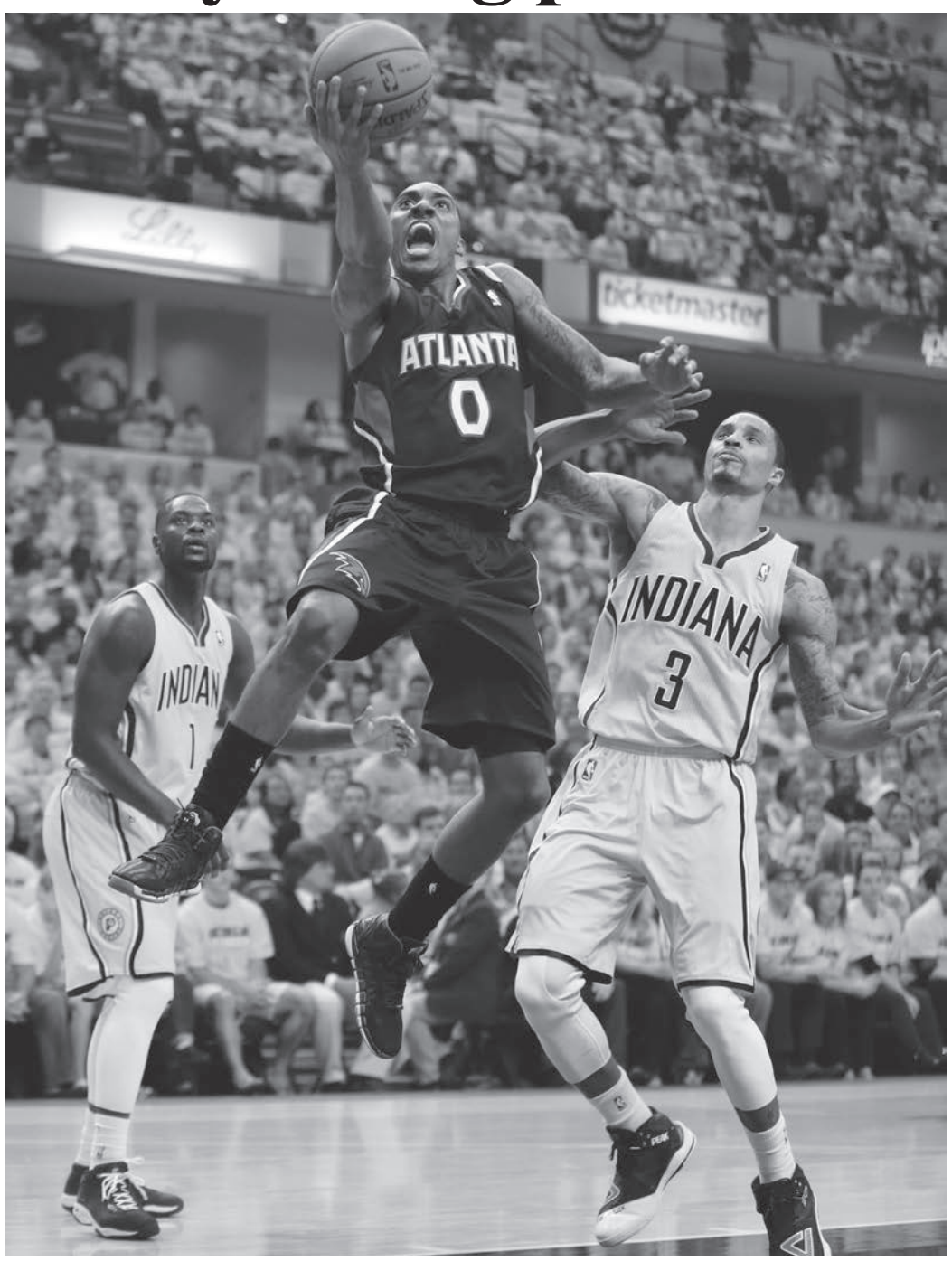
Atlanta then opened the third quarter with eight straight points and when the Pacers rallied to get within 60-58, Teague and Millsap took control.

Millsap opened the decisive 14-0 run with two free throws. Teague followed that with a driving layup, his only 3 of the game, another layup and two free throws. And when Millsap ended the run with a three-point play, the Pacers trailed 74-58.

They couldn't even cut the lead to single digits until Stephenson's 3 made it 99-91 with 33.6 seconds left and by then it was too late for the league's best home team to rally.

"All year, we've encouraged Jeff to be aggressive," Budenholzer said. "When he's aggressive, it just creates opportunities for himself and opportunities for his teammates."

And headaches for everyone else.



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Atlanta Hawks' Jeff Teague shoots against Indiana Pacers' George Hill during the first half in Game 1 of an opening-round NBA basketball playoff series on Saturday, April 19, 2014, in Indianapolis.

Heat open quest for another title vs Bobcats

MIAMI (AP)—If the Miami Heat are going to watch their season and reign atop the NBA end at the hands of the Charlotte Bobcats, then fates of the franchises will have to change in a hurry.

Upset odds look miniscule. Miami has lost only four of its last 23 games against the Bobcats, going 15-0 in the series since LeBron James, Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade teamed up with the Heat.

But it's numbers like those that the Heat are rendering irrelevant heading into Game 1 of the Eastern Conference first-round matchup on Sunday. Miami may deserve the confidence of a two-time defending champion bidding for a fourth straight NBA Finals trip, but the Heat aren't overlooking any team heading into these playoffs.

"Anything before this season doesn't matter," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "They had a different team, a different coach. The only thing that matters is this year. Our last three games against them, we had to dig back from three deficits to come back and win. That has not gone lost in our preparation."

Here are the numbers that do seem to matter to Miami these days: The Bobcats were 20-9 since the All-Star break, have held opponents to under 50 percent shooting in 18 of their last 19 games and had the league's lowest average turnovers-per-game over that same stretch, just 11.6 giveaways per night.

"This is a good ballclub," Wade said. "This is not the Charlotte Bobcats that everyone thinks of when you hear the name."

Al Jefferson and Steve Clifford changed all that. Jefferson's first year in Charlotte was a colossal success, with him averaging 21.8 points and 10.8 rebounds. Clifford inherited a team that was 28-120 over the last two seasons and won 43 games—and a seven-win franchise two years ago is now a seventh-seed in the East playoffs.

"It's time to take it to another level," Jefferson said. "We reached one goal. Regardless of what happens in the playoffs, we are one of the teams that stood out this year and we are proud of that. So now it's time to stick together more than ever."

To stop James and the Heat, Clifford knows it'll take more than just sticking together.

"There are only so many things you can do," Clifford said. "I know this: The more aggressive you are with him, the more layups and open shoots the other guys shoot. He's a phenomenal player."

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Here's five things to know heading into Game 1 on Sunday:

EXPERIENCE: Everyone on Charlotte's roster, combined, has a total of 858 playoff points and 15 starts in the postseason. The Heat numbers in those categories: 14,965 points and 727 starts. Plus, the Heat franchise has 103 all-time playoff wins, while the Bobcats have exactly zero. In theory, none of that should matter Sunday, but most would agree playoff basketball is just different—so Charlotte will probably have to do some learning on the fly.

ODEN'S ROLE: Miami brought Greg Oden in to aid its frontcourt, especially at playoff time. And the 7-foot Oden had a role in this series before it started. Oden has been working as the designated Jefferson-imitator in Heat practices, trying to emulate some of the things that Charlotte's go-to guy does down low.

DEFENDING LEBRON: James had the 61-point game against the Bobcats that everyone remembers. But Charlotte didn't have any answers for him all season. James' "other" games against Charlotte: 34, 30 and 26 points. His averages for the season against the Bobcats: 37.8 points, 6.0 rebounds, 5.5 assists on 63 percent shooting.

DEFENDING AL: Jefferson is now a major problem for Miami. The winner of the past two East player of the month awards averaged 25.3 points and 15.3 rebounds in three games against Miami, shooting 57 percent. His career numbers against Miami entering this season: 13.4 points and 9.4 rebounds per game on 46 percent shooting.

SIMILAR STARTS: People rave about the job Clifford has done, with good reason. His record in this debut season leading a team few people expected much from is 43-39. That's the same record a rookie coach had with another lowly regarded team in 2008-09. His name? Erik Spoelstra.

Warriors 109, Clippers 105

In Los Angeles, Klay Thompson scored 22 points, David Lee added 20 and the Golden State Warriors got Blake Griffin and Chris Paul in foul trouble to beat the Los Angeles Clippers in their playoff opener.

Stephen Curry added 14 points for the Warriors, who trailed by 11 to start the game before rallying in the third when Griffin and Paul were on the bench together.

Paul led the Clippers with 28 points, and J.J. Redick added 22 points in 30 minutes. Griffin finished with 16 points, fouling out with 48 seconds left and the game tied at 105. DeAndre Jordan had 11 points and 14 rebounds.

Foul trouble plagued both teams, but losing Griffin and Paul for stretches cost the Clippers at both ends. For the Warriors, Andre Iguodala fouled out with 3:04 left in the game and Lee played with four fouls.

Nets 94, Raptors 87

In Toronto, Deron Williams and Joe Johnson each scored 24 points, Paul Pierce scored nine of his 15 points in the final quarter and the Brooklyn Nets beat the Toronto Raptors in Game 1 of their first-round playoff series.

Shaun Livingston scored 10 points and Kevin Garnett had five as the Nets won despite making 4 of 24 3-pointers.

Kyle Lowry scored 22 points and Jonas Valanciunas had 17 points and 18 rebounds for the Raptors.

Valanciunas is the second Raptors player to have a double-double in his postseason debut. Tracy McGrady had 25 points and 10 rebounds against New York in his first playoff game in 2000. Valanciunas also set a Raptors record for playoff rebounds by surpassing Keon Clark, who had 16 against Detroit in 2002.

Thunder 100, Grizzlies 86

In Oklahoma City, Kevin Durant scored 13 of his 33 points in the fourth quarter to help the Oklahoma City Thunder defeat the Memphis Grizzlies in the opening game of their first-round series.

Buehrle dominates, Blue Jays blank Indians 5-0

CLEVELAND (AP)—Mark Buehrle pitched shutout ball into the eighth inning and remained unbeaten this season, leading the Toronto Blue Jays over the Cleveland Indians 5-0 on Saturday.

Jose Reyes hit an RBI single in his first game since opening day, when he strained his left hamstring in his first at-bat of the season and went on the disabled list.

Buehrle (4-0) lowered his ERA to 0.64 in four starts.

The left-hander who once pitched a perfect game was pulled after giving up a single and walk to start the eighth. He allowed four hits overall, struck out three and walked three.

Corey Kluber (1-2) allowed five runs in 6 2-3 innings.

Tigers 5, Angels 2

In Detroit, Max Scherzer struck out nine in seven innings and Detroit finally managed to beat Los Angeles.

Detroit had lost 10 straight to the Angels and hadn't beaten them since Aug. 26, 2012. The Tigers snapped that skid behind a sharp outing by Scherzer and home runs from Nick Castellanos and Victor Martinez.

Albert Pujols hit his 498th homer, connecting for a solo shot in the ninth.

Scherzer (1-1) allowed a run and three hits with two walks. The AL Cy Young winner earned his first victory of the season, striking out Mike Trout three times and Pujols twice.

C.J. Wilson (2-2) gave up three earned runs in five innings.

J.B. Shuck led off the game with a homer, but that was all the scoring for the Angels until Pujols homered for the second straight day, hitting his sixth shot of the season.

Red Sox 4, Orioles 2

In Boston, Brock Holt hit a tiebreaking triple in the seventh inning and scored on Jonathan Herrera's suicide squeeze, lifting Boston over Baltimore.

David Ortiz had a solo homer and two hits for the World Series champion Red Sox, who have won three of four.

Nelson Cruz had a pair of run-scoring singles for the Orioles, who had a three-game winning streak halted.

Junichi Tazawa (1-0) pitched 1 1-3 hitless innings of relief. Koji Uehara struck out three after a leadoff walk for his fourth save.

The benches emptied briefly in the seventh after Bud Norris (0-2) threw high and tight to David Ross, who was trying to sacrifice. Ross yelled something, but Orioles catcher Matt Wieters stepped in between and both sides retreated to the dugouts.

Royals 5, Twins 4

In Kansas City, Mo., Bruce Chen labored through five innings before the Kansas City bullpen took over, shutting down Minnesota.

The Royals have won five straight after getting swept last weekend in Minnesota.

Chen (1-1) allowed all four runs on eight hits and four walks, but the damage could have been worse. He twice walked the bases loaded, and his only clean inning was the first, when Brian Dozier hit a fly out that nearly left the park.

Still, a five-run fourth inning off Kevin Correia (1-1) staked Chen to a lead, and his bullpen made it stand up.

Danny Duffy tossed two scoreless innings, and Wade Davis navigated a perfect eighth before turning the game over to All-Star closer Greg Holland. He set down the top of the Minnesota lineup in order for his sixth save in as many chances.

Athletics 4, Astros 3

In Oakland, Calif., Josh Reddick hit an RBI single that capped a three-run rally in the ninth inning as Oakland handed Houston its sixth straight loss.

Jed Lowrie started the comeback with a leadoff home run against Chad Qualls (0-1).

Josh Donaldson walked and Yoenis Cespedes then singled. After Qualls struck out pinch-hitter John Jaso, Alberto Callaspo hit a tying single and Reddick followed with a one-out liner to right-center.

Dan Otero (3-0) pitched the ninth for the win after starter Scott Kazmir had gone eight strong innings.

Rays 16, Yankees 1

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Ryan Hanigan homered twice and had six RBIs, and Tampa Bay starter Chris Archer continued his dominance over the Yankees.

Hanigan drove in his final two runs with a single off New York infielder Dean Anna, who gave up two runs and three hits in the eighth inning.

Archer (2-1) allowed one run and three hits in 6 2-3 innings. He has won all four career starts against the Yankees, allowing four earned runs in 28 2-3 innings.

Wil Myers and Evan Longoria both drove in four runs for the Rays.

Yankees starter Ivan Nova (2-2) gave up a career-high four home runs before leaving in the fifth with right elbow soreness. The right-hander allowed eight runs and eight hits in four-plus innings.

Rangers 6, White Sox 3

In Arlington, Texas, Colby Lewis pitched into the sixth inning for his first win in nearly two years and Prince Fielder homered to lead Texas.

Lewis (1-1) struck out four while allowing only one run over 5 1-3 innings. The right-hander, the first known major league pitcher to return from a unique hip procedure, won for the first time since June 17, 2012.

Shin-Soo Choo and Alex Rios each had three hits for the Rangers, who won their fifth consecutive game. Kevin Kouzmanoff homered leading off the eighth, giving him a 10-game hitting streak to start his Rangers career.

Texas went ahead to stay on Fielder's high-arching blast to right leading off the fourth for a 2-1 lead. It was only his second homer in his 18 games with Texas.

Jose Quintana (1-1) allowed five runs and nine hits over five innings.

Cardinals 4, Nationals 3

In Washington, Nationals star Bryce Harper was pulled by first-year manager Matt Williams after failing to run out a grounder in Washington's loss to the St. Louis Cardinals.

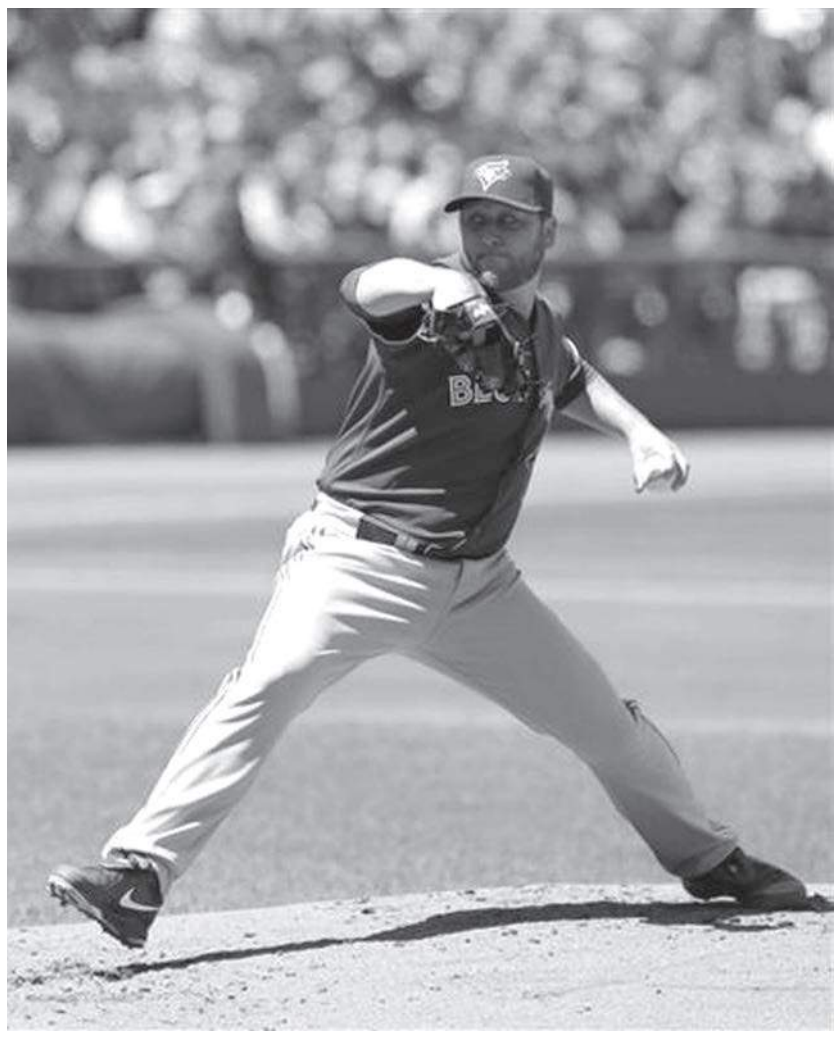
Harper hit a grounder back to pitcher Lance Lynn in the sixth inning, jogged to first base and took a right turn to the dugout before getting halfway down the basepath.

Williams yanked the 21-year-old Harper after the play. Known for his aggressive approach, Harper is a two-time All-Star.

"I respect what he did," Harper said of Williams' decision.

Williams said Harper would be in the starting lineup Sunday.

Lynn (4-0) won his fourth straight start and Trevor Rosenthal got his fifth save. Jordan Zimmermann (1-1) allowed four runs, only one of them earned, in seven innings.



AP

Toronto Blue Jays starting pitcher Mark Buehrle delivers in the first inning of a baseball game against the Cleveland Indians, Saturday, April 19, 2014, in Cleveland.

Cubs 8, Reds 4

In Chicago, Darwin Barney and Welington Castillo hit two-run homers, Mike Olt added a solo shot and the Chicago Cubs ended a five-game losing streak, beating the Cincinnati Reds.

Since scoring four times last Sunday in St. Louis, the Cubs had managed just one run before defeating the Reds. Cincinnati had won 16 of the last 17 at Wrigley Field.

Edwin Jackson (1-1) allowed two runs in 5 2-3 innings. Tony Cingrani (1-2) gave up three runs in five innings.

Brewers 8, Pirates 7

In Pittsburgh, Ryan Braun hit two homers, including a two-run shot with two outs in the ninth inning that sent Milwaukee past Pittsburgh.

Braun has five home runs this season after being suspended for the final 65 games last year for his involvement in the Biogenesis drug scandal. The other three homers came in one game on April 8 at Philadelphia.

The go-ahead drive came off Pirates closer Jason Grilli (0-1), his second blown save in six opportunities. Jean Segura's two-out single kept the inning going for Braun, who had three hits and three RBIs.

Jonathan Lucroy hit three doubles and drove in two runs for the Brewers. Mark Reynolds hit his fourth homer.

Ike Davis doubled, singled and walked a day after the Pirates got him in a trade with the Mets.

Jim Henderson (2-0) pitched a scoreless eighth and Francisco Rodriguez got his sixth save.

Braves 7, Mets 5

In New York, Jordan Walden got the final out with the bases loaded after Atlanta manager Fredi Gonzalez pulled star closer Craig Kimbrel, and the Braves held off New York.

Freddie Freeman had three hits and hustled his way through a weird play that brought the Braves two runs when the Mets were unable to challenge a costly incorrect call.

Ervin Santana (2-0) pitched seven crisp innings for his second win over New York in three starts with Atlanta.

Justin Upton hit a three-run homer in the ninth to make it 7-3.

The Mets scored twice off Kimbrel, who loaded the bases with a two-out walk to Lucas Duda. That's when Gonzalez went to the mound and lifted Kimbrel, who didn't look happy about it. Walden retired Travis d'Arnaud on a grounder to end it.

Bartolo Colon (1-3) gave up three runs in seven innings for the Mets.

Dodgers 8, Diamondbacks 6

In Los Angeles, Andre Ethier hit a three-run homer and Los Angeles rallied from an early four-run deficit to beat Arizona.

Dan Haren (3-0) was charged with five runs — two earned — and seven hits over 7 1-3 innings. The right-hander struck out five in his fourth start of the season, six days after his 8-6 victory over the Diamondbacks at Phoenix.

Haren departed with an 8-4 lead and was replaced by Brian Wilson, who gave up a two-run double by Martin Prado before retiring Chris Owings on a grounder with runners at the corners to end the eighth. Kenley Jansen pitched a scoreless ninth for his sixth save.

Mike Bolsinger (0-1) made his first major league start and was charged with seven runs — six earned— and seven hits in four-plus innings. He struck out five of the first 11 batters he faced.

Rockies 3, Phillies 1

In Denver, Jordan Lyles pitched effectively into the eighth inning and Justin Morneau hit a two-run homer to lead Colorado.

The Rockies were also helped by a reversed call that produced their first run.

Lyles (3-0), acquired in December from Houston in exchange for outfielder Dexter Fowler, allowed one unearned run and five hits in seven innings in winning his third straight, equaling a career best. LaTroy Hawkins pitched a hitless ninth for his fifth save in five chances.

Kyle Kendrick (0-2) went seven innings and allowed three runs on six hits in a solid outing but could not avoid a seventh straight loss, dating to last Aug. 11.

Colorado got on the scoreboard when home plate umpire and crew chief Tim Welke ruled Nolan Arenado safe on a bang-bang play at the plate in the third after initially calling him out. Rockies manager Walt Weiss asked Welke to take another look at the play, and after viewing the replay, the umpire determined that catcher Carlos Ruiz had blocked the plate before he received the throw home in violation of new collision rules instituted this season to better protect catchers and base runners.

Padres 3, Giants 1

In San Diego, Eric Stults and three relievers combined on a four-hitter and Everth Cabrera hit a go-ahead triple to lead San Diego.

The Giants lost their third straight game and have scored only three runs in their last 28 innings. It was the first time in nine games the Giants weren't involved in a one-run decision.

San Diego has won seven of 10.

Stults (1-2) kept the already struggling Giants off balance and largely off the base paths, allowing one run and three hits in six innings, with two strikeouts and no walks.

Tim Hudson (2-1) allowed two runs and eight hits in seven innings, struck out four and walked none.

Marlins 7, Mariners 0

In Miami, Henderson Alvarez won for the first time since his no-hitter to end the 2013 season, pitching a two-hitter to help Miami beat Seattle.

Alvarez (1-2) retired the first 15 batters en route to the third complete game of his career. He struck out four, walked none and threw 90 pitches. He also had a two-out RBI single in the sixth to make it 3-0.

The Mariners lost their fifth game in a row and were shut out for the fourth time.

Marcell Ozuna had a three-run homer, his third, and an RBI single to hike his average to .343. Adeiny Hechavarria contributed three hits, scored twice and made two fine plays at shortstop. Christian Yelich doubled to extend his hitting streak to 13 games.

Rookie Roenis Elias (1-2) allowed six runs in 5 2-3 innings.

Song waltzes way to boys U12 finals

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Ken Song swept Sean Lee, 6-2, 6-0, in the semifinals of the boys U12 singles division of the 2014 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships last Saturday at the Pacific Islands Club hard court.

Song was seeded first in the division and will be making his first finals appearance in the age group. He will be paired against the second-ranked Tony Kim, who bagged the finals berth in the lower half of the draw after beating Aditya Rai in the other Final Four pairing, 6-1, 6-0.

Six players are entered in the boys U12 singles with Lee eliminating Rintaro Miyawaki, 6-4, 6-3, to advance to the semifinals in the top half of the draw against Song. At the bottom half, Rai made short work of Eugene Park, 6-3, 6-0, to force a semis duel against Kim. Despite losing to Kim in the semis, Rai still had a podium finish, as he thwarted Lee in the battle for third place, 8-4. In the other consolation match, Miyawaki prevailed against Park, 8-1.

Meanwhile, four other age groups had their singles games over the weekend at the PIC and Kanoa Resort hard courts. In the boys U14 singles, Luther Lizama and Vincent Tudela survived separate foes to set their finals showdown, while the other finals pairings will have Morris Villanueva dueling Tommy Choi for the boys U18 singles crown. The boys U10 division has a round-robin format and Ji Min Woo holds an edge over three others with an unbeaten 2-0 record.

Woo won his first match at Kanoa last Friday after shutting down Eu Bin Park, 6-0, and returned to the same court last Saturday to top Daniel Kang, 6-1. In the other boys U10 results, Miyawaki outclassed Kang at the PIC hard court last Sunday, 6-3.

Lizama also played at PIC last weekend and took only two sets to thwart Robbie Schorr in the upper bracket semifinals, 6-2, 6-4. Schorr moved into the semis after eliminating Steven Goodwin, 6-3, 6-2, while Lizama drew a bye in the first round.

In the lower half of the draw, Tudela cruised to a 6-0, 6-2 win over Steven Lee in the quarterfinals and had a similar easy victory against Haruya Eda in the semis, 6-0, 6-1. Eda gained a semis ticket after slipping past A.J. Hudkins in the quarterfinals, 1-6, 6-4, 6-4.

In the boys U18 singles, Villanueva and Choi needed only two sets to boot out their respective foes. Villanueva first defeated Jake Lee, 6-2, 6-0, and then stunned the top-ranked Amami Sakano in the semis, 6-0, 6-0 to make it to the finals. Choi also swept Colim Ramsey in his first match, 6-2, 6-4, and remained unbeaten after a 6-4, 6-4 win over Daniel Park in the semifinals last Sunday at PIC.

Title games in the boys singles and the girls singles and doubles will be played this weekend. Results in the girls singles and doubles will be reported later this week.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Ken Song serves during his and Haruya Eda's boys U14 doubles game against Vincent Tudela and Tony Kim yesterday during the 2014 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships at the Pacific Islands Club hard court.

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Oshima-Berger missed her target—under four hours.

"It was a good race despite the fact I could not break 4:00:00. I was not happy yesterday (Saturday) but I am today (Sunday). I now realize that it was the best time as far as I could go with my current ability, physically, and especially mentally," said Oshima-Berger in an email to *Saipan Tribune*.

"The last four miles was tougher than I expected. I slowed down ridiculously and I even was laughing at myself and said 'what are you doing? You are too slow.' I slowed down because of the heat and humidity but then later on I saw the times of the Top 3 (50K) who are not accustomed to this hot, hot weather but they didn't seem to have any problem with the heat and the humidity. I figured that I am just a whiner and I need more practice," the three-time Saipan Marathon champion said.

Oshima-Berger was talking of the two Japanese and one Chinese, who completed the 50K between the 3:30:00 and 3:50 mark. Official times and names of the Top 3 finishers were not listed on the results posted at the event site at press time.

The Saipan veteran runner was the fifth overall finisher in the 50K event that brought runners to as far Mariana Resort to the north, a side trip to Capital Hill (near the road leading to Mt. Tapochao) and to the Pacific Islands Club's southern parking lot before heading back to start/finish line at the American Memorial Park/Micro Beach. Oshima-Berger was greeted by friends and supporters after she cut the tape.

"Thank you to all the organizers and volunteers. Since I was too tired and focused during the race, I might not have showed my thanks at each water station. Last but not the least, big thanks to my husband and my friends who always encourage me," the back-to-back 50K champion added.

Joining Oshima-Berger and Watabe in the Top 6 in the women's division were Rika Katsuki (4:37:36), Yoshiko Arai (4:52:29), Hiromi Onuma (5:55:32), and You Matai (6:09:96).

The Top 6 finisher and age group champions were recognized during the awards ceremony at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan. Making it to the list of age group top finishers were 20 to 29's Fumihiko Kiso (5:37:59) and Yuri Takenaka (6:09:43); 30 to 39's Tomoya Kishi (5:44:49) and Atsuko Tsuchida (6:27:47); 40 to 49's Masazumi Yoshida (5:17:17) and Chiaki Kawamoto (6:35:01); 50 to 59's Ichiro Kubo (5:22:55); and over 60's Kiyoshi Kadota (5:25:29) and Hiroko Kamatani (6:51:09).

Meanwhile, results in the 10K, marathon, and half marathon will be reported later this week.

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the PBA like former College of Saint Benilde star Carlo Lastimosa, who also decided to make the jump to the pro leagues despite being eligible to play for the Blazers in the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

"For me, I can play in the PBA and if ever I make it to the PBA, I can also adjust to their system. I have to work hard for every second and minute that I play inside. Carlo [Lastimosa] showed that he can do it with Barako Bull, then I can also do it in any PBA ballclub," said Cruz, who now has a 1-month baby girl with girlfriend Mossah Maica.

The 22-year-old former Marianas High School standout knows how tough it is playing in the PBA that's why he's been working extra hard to improve every facet of his game.

"I'm working hard to improve my game, offense and in defense, so when the time comes that my team needs me, I can make my contribution. I'm working on improving my shooting and jump shots. I will accept all the challenge that they will give me," added Cruz, who will make his final decision in May.

Cruz, who was drafted by Blackwater last year, is a member of the Philippine team that won the basketball gold medal in the 2013 Southeast Asian Games in Myanmar. He is playing his second conference in the D-League where he was part of the Elite's roster that won the Foundation Cup last year.

In last season's UAAP, Cruz averaged 14.5 points, 4.4 rebounds and 3.3 assists with the Falcons, who finished seventh with a 4-10 record.

Cruz started his basketball career on Saipan where he helped the CNMI finish sixth in the 2008 International Basketball Federation-Oceania Youth tournament and in the process was voted as one of the Top 5 players.

He was then named to the All-Star team of the 2009 FIBA-Oceania tournament where he suited up for the CNMI seniors team.

Cruz then decided to try his luck in the Philippines where he initially played for Rizal Technological University in 2010, the same year when the Blue Thunder ruled the State Colleges and Universities Athletic Association.

He was also a member of RTU's two-time runner up squad in the National Capital Region Athletic Association where the Blue Thunder lost to Olivares College and Colegio de Sta. Monica in 2010 and 2011. He was a member of the Mythical Team in 2011.

Cruz was spotted by then Adamson coach Leo Austria while playing in a tournament in Bacolod City. He averaged 10.1 points per game in his first tour of duty with the Falcons in the 2011 FilOil Flying V Preseason tournament then normed 12.3 markers per outing in his rookie year with Adamson in the 2012 UAAP season.

Cruz is thankful for Austria's guidance in the three years he played under the soft-spoken mentor. "I wouldn't be playing for Adamson without coach Leo. He helped me improve my game and guided me mentally with words of encouragement in order to motivate me and play hard for the team."

Austria also has kind words for Cruz. "Jericho is a versatile player. But just like every player, he needs to practice hard to improve every aspect of his game. He is an explosive player who can do many things at a high level."

COMETS

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match remained tie as neither team managed to score in the eighth inning. At the top of the ninth, Demapan connected on a big three-run single to put the Comets on top anew and Elijah Villar made it a 9-5 advantage when he reached off a base on ball.

The Comets went on to keep the upper hand and complete the come-from-behind win after forcing the Falcons to a 1-2-3 play in the last inning. The first two Falcons batters at the top of the ninth returned to the dugout off 5-3 and 6-3 putout plays, while the third one flied out at left field.

The Falcons scored in the second and third inning for early control of the rubber match before collapsing in the closing phase of the game. Jay Kalen had an RBI single at the bottom of the second, while Kekuni Kainoa nailed a two-run single in the fourth and the Falcons got another run in that inning off a Comets error at first base.

Donald shoots 66, takes lead at RBC Heritage

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP)—Luke Donald believes he's got the right game on the right course—and is ready to make up for so many near-misses at the RBC Heritage.

Donald had an eagle and six birdies to shoot 66 on Saturday and take a two-stroke lead over John Huh after three rounds at Harbour Town Golf Links. The Englishman has done just about everything on Harbour Town the past five times he's played - except win.

He fell in a playoff to Brandt Snedeker here in 2011, part of a run of four top-3 finishes since at the tricky, Pete Dye design. Now, he'll carry the lead into the final day and is ready to make it stand up on Sunday.

"If I can go out as relaxed and confident as I was today tomorrow," he said. "If I can control the trajectory (of shots) as well as I did today, then hopefully I'll be sitting here as the winner."

It has been a long time since Donald has been able to say that.

Once the world's top-ranked golfer, Donald has changed coaches and the transition back to the top has not come as quickly as planned. The last of his five PGA Tour wins came in 2012, his best showing this year was a tie for fourth at the Valspar Championship last month and he was quickly bounced at the Masters after shooting 79-70.

Donald acknowledged he has grown anxious waiting to win again.

"I was the former world No. 1 and was there for a long time and obviously slipped down," said Donald, currently 29th. "But I haven't felt my game had gotten that much worse."

Certainly not at Harbour Town.

Donald's round got started with a 25-footer for eagle on the par-5 second hold. He added four more on the next six holes. Donald then tied leader Nicholas Thompson with a birdie on the 14th before stretching his lead with a final one by rolling in a 15-foot putt on the par-3 17th.

Donald nearly closed with a flourish when his approach on the closing, lighthouse hole nearly landed in the cup on the fly before bouncing to the edge and settling for par.

Donald's not the longest hitter on tour and said some layouts are dragons he can't slay.

"But this one I feel like I can plot my way around with low wedges," he said. "If you miss greens, you need to be pretty good at the short game. Certainly a course that favors my style of play."

Huh shot a 68 and was at 6 under.

Major champions Charl Schwartzel (68) and Jim Furyk (71), Nicholas Thompson (68) and Ben Martin (71) were tied for third at 5 under.

Matt Kuchar, ranked sixth in the world, shot 70 as part of a group of five golfers another shot back at 4 under.

Donald's performance capped a long day at soggy Harbour Town, where 65 golfers had to finish the second round before the third could begin with K.J. Choi, Furyk and Ben Martin tied for the lead.

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Saipan's Seiya Eda, left, and Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel lead a group of 10K runners cruising Beach Road during last Saturday's 2014 Saipan Marathon.

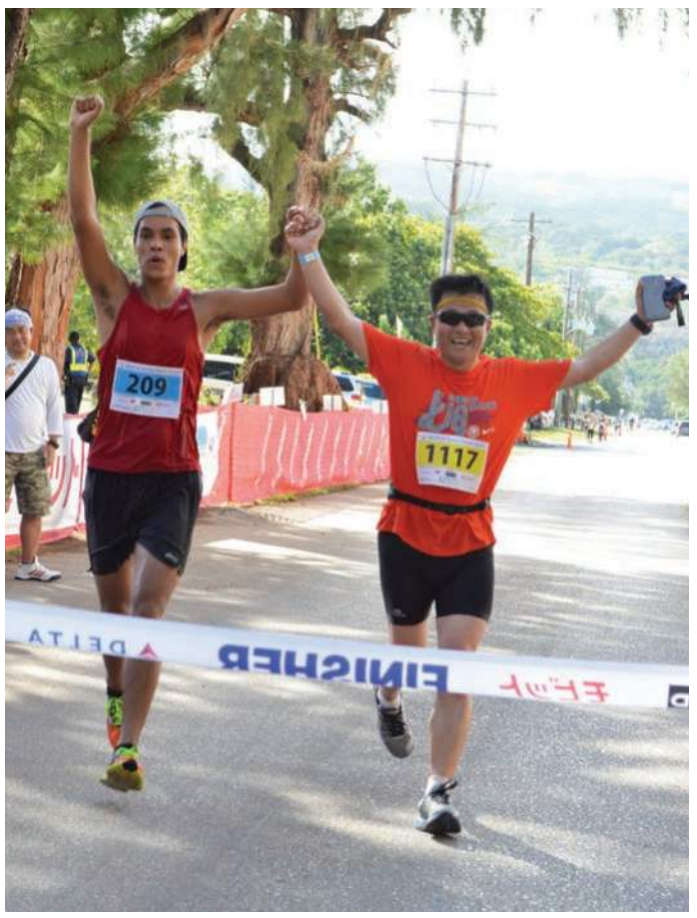
Runners in the 10K race head out of the American Memorial Park.

Young runners Rintaro Miyawaki, left, and Coume Kaga leave the American Memorial Park.

A barefoot runner keeps her steady pace while coasting Beach Road.

The last wave of 10K runners heads to the course.

A runner slows down as heat begins to take its toll on him.



Two runners raise their arms on their way to the finish line.

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Das Krishnan cuts the tape to complete the half marathon race.

Three runners near the finish line.

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Mamiko shatters record in 50K

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Saipan bet Mamiko Oshima-Berger had another record-breaking run in the 50K division of last Saturday's 2014 Saipan Marathon.

Oshima-Berger completed the longest race of the day in 4:04:14 to defend her women's division crown and beat 12 other runners in the ultra marathon event. She eclipsed her 2013 winning time by about seven minutes, as she clocked in at 4:11:02 last year when she dethroned inaugural 50K champion Yoko Yamazawa of Japan. The Japanese won the 2012 edition of the 50K (4:19:21), but dropped to second in 2013 after submitting only 4:28:24.

The 44-year-old Oshima-Berger defeated Yamazawa by about 17 minutes in 2013 and this year, the former had a wider margin (about 30 minutes) as runner-up and 11-year-old Kasuga Watabe cut the tape at 4:33:50.

Though she finished way ahead of her closest pursuer,

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Saipan's Mamiko Oshima-Berger nears the finish line of the 50K event in last Saturday's 2014 Saipan Marathon.

Comets take last finals seat

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The Comets punched the last ticket to the finals of the Junior League division of the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball, following a 9-5 win in a playoff game against the Falcons last Saturday at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The Comets finished strong, scoring all their runs in the last three innings to pull off the come-from-behind victory over the Falcons and set up a finals showdown with pennant champions JPO Enforcers this Saturday. The Enforcers marched into the finals first after also beating the Falcons, 2-1, in a battle of the Top 2 finishers in the regular season.

The Falcons seemed to have a chance for a second crack at the Enforcers when they shut down the Comets in the first six innings and worked out a 4-0 lead, but the latter went for the push in the final three innings with starting pitcher Lorenzo Sebaklim and leftfielder Jeremy Demapan makinh crucial base hits in the seventh and ninth inning.

Sebaklim started the Comets' recovery when he blasted a two-run single at the top of the seventh inning. Before Sebaklim's base hit, the Comets were just one out away from another runless inning, as their first batter was struck out in the fourth flied out to right field with runners on second and third. Sebaklim also reached home off an Aurel Mendiola triple, while the Comets got two more unearned runs to grab the driver' seat, 5-4.

The Falcons then forced a standoff at the bottom of the seventh off an Austin Deleon Guerrero RBI single and the

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
A Comets pitcher in action during their regular season game against the Falcons early this month in the Junior League division of the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. The Comets beat the Falcons in the playoffs, 9-5, to advance to the finals againts the Enforcers.

Jericho eyes PBA stint

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SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

MANILA, Philippines—Jericho Cruz's dream of finally playing in the Philippine Basketball Association is within his reach after Blackwater Sports management is considering him to be one of the team's direct hire recruits when it moves up to Asia's first pay-for-play league when it opens its 40th season later this year.

Blackwater Sports, owned by Ever Bilena Cosmetics Inc. president Dioceldo Sy, is among the three teams that were accepted as new members of the PBA along with Kia of Columbia Motors Corp. and many-time PBA Developmental League titlist Northern Luzon Expressway.

No less than Blackwater owner Sy is thinking of forming a team built around Cruz, who still has one year of playing eligibility left with the Adamson Falcons in the University Athletic Association of the Philippines.

The sudden twist had Cruz, the Soaring Falcons' star cager, already thinking of skipping his final year of eligibility for Adamson in the UAAP's 77th season to grab the opportunity of being Blackwater's direct hire or join the Annual PBA Rookie Draft this year.

Cruz

"Right now, yes I'm thinking about it. Whatever opportunities arrive, I will take it. I am seriously thinking about it. If [the PBA] approves it (direct hire), I really hope so," said Cruz, who already tapped the services of veteran agent Ed Ponceja.

Cruz, who suited up for the national basketball teams of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Philippines, played for two seasons with the Soaring Falcons in the UAAP.

PBA commissioner Chito Salud and the board of governors are still in discussion whether the three new teams will be allowed to get direct hires to form a competitive roster.

Cruz said he believes he too can play against the big boys of

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